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STATE OF SIEGE DECLARED IN INDO-CHINA

FREE VIETNAM REPUBLIC

PARIS, Dec. 23. (Reuter): M. Leon Blum, the French Premier, told the French National Assembly to-day that news from Indo-China where there is fighting between the French and Viet-Nam forces was not reassuring.

He said, however, that the situation was "not alarming" and that the country must face it "as calmly as the Government, the National Assembly and the Military".

M. Blum stated that General Phillippe Leclerc, who commanded a French Division which liberated Paris, would leave on Wednesday for Indo-China at the head of an Inspection Mission.

M. Blum said that no immediate cessation of the Franco-Vietnam hostilities could be expected. Dimcult times would be expected for the next few weeks, he said.

M. Blum added: "I declare that French soldiers and citizens and our friends in Indo-China can count without reserve on the vigilance and the resolution of the French Government. I also declare that hard necessities imposed on us do not change the principle of our policy.

"We shall not reject the possibility of ending the present situation. The old colonial system based on possession by conquest and its maintenance by force is a thing of the past, according to our Republican doctrine. The colonial possession is only really justified on the day it ceases—when the colonised people have been rendered fully capable of governing themselves.

"When the present crisis has been overcome our object will always remain the same—the organisation of a Free Vietnam Republic (protests from the Right and loud applause from the Left).

"Above all order must be re-established and this must be a condition of any understanding."

In reply to the Rightwing protests at his statement that the French Government would persist in organising a Free Vietnam Republic, M. Blum said:—"Before the High Commissioner, Admiral Thierry d'Argenlieu, left for Indo-China on Friday I expressed the same views as I have expressed to you to-day.

The High Commissioner left in full agreement with the Government policy".

M. Blum then gave a short recapitulation on the latest information on the lines that have already been published.

French Fighter-Bombers Called Into Action

MIDNIGHT MASS ON X'MAS EVE BANNED

"Shoot-At-Sight" Order Issued To Military

PARIS, December 23. (Reuter): French military authorities have proclaimed a state of siege in Tonking and North Annam, says a report received here from Hanoi in French Indo-China, where fighting between French and Viet Nam (Nationalist) troops has flared up in the past few days.

A special warning has been issued to Vietnamese local population in Tonking and North Annam by means of loud-speakers stating, according to these reports, that:

"All civilians found in possession of arms will be shot.

All houses which do not fly the white flag will be searched.

All houses from which Frenchmen have been fired upon will be attacked".

No Midnight Mass

Midnight mass will not be celebrated in Saigon on Christmas eve in view of "grave conditions" throughout Indo-China, according to a French report.

It added that a Government 'communique' had ordered the closing of all public places by 10 p.m. on Christmas eve.

The 'communique' said that measures had been taken "in view of grave conditions throughout Indo-China which do not exclude the possibility of a Viet-Nam (Nationalist) aggression in Cochin-China and we wish to protect the population against any such possibility".

FRENCH BOMBERS ACTIVE

SAIGON, Dec. 23, (U. P. A.): Meanwhile, according to the French news agency, A.F.P., French troops supported by fighter-bombers were continuing mopping up operations in Hanoi. They reoccupied Pasteur Institute which, protected by only a handful of French soldiers, had been taken by Viet Nam forces in the first attack on Thursday night.

The A.F.P. dispatch said that buildings and furnishings of the Institute

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Interim Govt. Reshuffle?

Rajen Babu To Devote Whole Time To Constituent Assembly Work

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23. (U.P.I.): Inquiries made by the United Press of India reveal that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad will most likely assume office as a member of the Interim Government either during the last week of December or the first week of January next in place of Mr. Asaf Ali who will relinquish membership of the Interim Government preparatory to joining his new post as the first Ambassador of India in America.

It is understood that Mr. Asaf Ali has asked for at least four weeks' time after relinquishment of the present office to settle his affair here before leaving for America.

It is further understood that following assumption of office as a member of the Interim Government by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, there will be another reshuffle of portfolios among Congress members of the Cabinet. Maulana Azad is likely to be allocated Education, Arts and Broadcasting. Dr. John Matthai will get charge of Transport and Railways and Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar may revert to Industries and Supplies.

Persistent lobby talks by members of the Constituent Assembly indicate that President Dr. Rajendra Prasad who still holds the office as Member for Food and Agriculture in the Interim Government, will resign the latter post by the time the next session of the Constituent Assembly commences in the third week of January in order to be free to devote himself entirely to the work of the Constituent Assembly.

FOREIGN SERVICES TAKING SHAPE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (A.P.I.): I understand that plans for an Foreign Service in the External Affairs Department are being worked out by Sir Akbar Hydari who is placed on special duty for this purpose.

The plans will be ready by the time the Central Assembly meets and will be placed before the Standing Finance Committee for inclusion in the next year's budget.

The Government will first determine the number and class of Embassies it proposes to establish in foreign countries—how many of them should be First Class and how many Second Class. The respective strength of cash Embassy. will then have to be determined.

I learn that while Sir Akbar is yet to work out the details roughly 300 men will be required to man the foreign services.

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LATEST COMMERCIAL

NEW YORK COTTON.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

Previous Closing	32.60
Today's Opening	32.55
Difference	—5
Today's Closing	32.60
Difference	Nil.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

Anaconda Copper Mining unquoted, General Motors dol. 54-3/4, United States Steel Common dol. 73-3/4, United States Steel Preference unquoted.—(Reuter).

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WAVELL RESUMES

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23. (API): Lord Wavell resumed today the office of the Viceroy and Governor-General of India and Crown Representative, says a Gazette of India Extraordinary.

Protest Against Kashmir Frau'

National Conference Chief Announces Boycott Of Ensuing Elections

CHALLENGE TO PREMIER

LAHORE, Dec. 23 (U.P.I.): The All-Jammu and Kashmir National Conference has boycotted the election to the Kashmir State Assembly scheduled to be held on January 4, 1947, and has called upon all its candidates to withdraw from the contest.

Announcing this decision, Bakshi Ghulam Mohammad, Acting President, All-Jammu and Kashmir National Conference and member of the Standing Committee of the All-India States' People's Conference, in a statement says that this decision has been taken "in view of the open official interference in the election and the arbitrary rejection of nomination papers of a number of National Conference candidates."

"In taking this momentous decision we have the support and blessings of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya", adds the National Conference leader.

He has also appealed to all progressive parties in the State to come forward and "expose Government fraud of free and fair elections."

CHALLENGE TO PREMIER

In accordance with this decision, the Conference today called upon all its candidates in Kashmir State "to withdraw from the contest", says the Associated Press of America.

In a 250-word telegram to Prime Minister Kak, Bakshi Ghulam Mohammad, "in the name our people", alleged the use of "foul and underhand methods of intrigue and intimidation, corrupt practices and other means" in the elections. "The rule of law in the State", the telegram alleged, "has ended and that of force and fraud is in operation."

The Kashmir leader further demanded "an impartial, independent and open commission to go into the whole matter", and asked the Prime Minister "to come into the open and face the verdict of an impartial tribunal."

World Round-Up

NANKING, Dec. 23. (Reuter): Dr. Chen Li Fu, Minister of Organisation, to-day confirmed that China's first Republican constitution which is a blend of Western Democracy and Sun Yat Sen's San Min Chui philosophy would be adopted to-morrow "or at least on Wednesday morning."

He said that the constitution would be promulgated on New Year's day and that the date of enforcement of the Constitution, although not yet fixed would most probably be October 10 or November 12—both important dates in the Chinese Calendar—next year.

NANKING, Dec. 23. (Reuter): Apart from Defacto dealings with the local Vietname authorities where the safety of Chinese Nationals is involved, the Chinese Government has no Diplomatic Relations with the Vietnam ovrnment, said a foreign office official to-day. He had been asked if any approach had been made in connection with the reported desires by the Vietnamese Kuomintang party to seek Sino-American mediation in Indo-China.

The official emphasised that no such representation, formal or informal had yet been made, adding "we have no contact with this party."

LONDON, Dec. 23. (Reuter): Albania's reply to Britain's "ultimatum" asking for satisfaction for damage caused to the British Warship in the Corfu Strait has now reached London and is being studied by the British Foreign office.

There is now some speculation in London about the action which the British Government will take.

CAIRO, Dec. 23. (A.P.A.): Sir Ronald Campbell the British Ambassador to Egypt, expressed optimism today regarding the resumption of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty revision negotiations.

His statement followed a two and one-half hour conference with the Egyptian Prime Minister, Nokrashi Pasha.

The British Ambassador disclosed that Lord Stansgate, acting head of the British Delegation negotiating the revision of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty, will be coming to Egypt, but could not say when.

LONDON, Dec. 23, (Reuter): A deplomatic bag containing Belgian Government papers was lost when a Saloon motor car was stolen here. A woman courier had brought the bag from Washington on Queen Elizabeth. She was met at the station by a friend with an Embassy car but during the journey the Embassy car disappeared after the occupants had left it parked in the street for a short time.

Police later found the car abandoned but without the Diplomatic bag and a number of suit cases.

W. I. STATES ALL OUT FOR 131

RAJKOT, Dec. 23. (API): Resuming their Second Innings in the Western Zone Cricket Championship this morning. Western India States were all out for 131 runs shortly after lunch.

Move For Indian Round Table Conference?

CONSEMBLY ADJOURNED TO JANUARY 20

No Motion To Refer Grouping Clause To Federal Court

NEW DELHI, December 23. (A.P.I.): The Constituent Assembly adjourned this evening till January 20 after adopting Rules of Procedure. The Assembly also elected three committees, namely, the Finance and staff, Credential and House Committees.

No Motion For Federal Court

The Secretary to the Constituent Assembly in a Press Note issued this evening says:—

The Preliminary meeting of the Constituent Assembly which began on December 9 has been adjourned to January 20, 1947. This was announced by the President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, at the afternoon session today. The Committee of the whole House having considered the Rules of Procedure, a plenary session of the Assembly was held and the Rules as passed by the Committee, adopted. A few Rules and amendments raising important issues have been held over for discussion at the adjourned session in January.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad announced that no notice of any resolution had been received about a reference to the Federal Court on the interpretation of the Grouping Clause in the State Paper of May 16 and, therefore, this question would not be taken up.

The following three Committees were elected:—

(1) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Sir Alladi Krishnaswami Ayyar, Bakshi Sir Tek Chand, Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, Dr. P. K. Sen and Mr. Frank Anthony.

(2) STAFF AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:—Mr. Satyanarayan Sinha, Mr. Jaipal Singh Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai, Mr. C. E. Gibbon, Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Seth Govind Dass, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Sri Prakasa and Sardar Harnamsingh.

(3) HOUSE COMMITTEE: Mr. Radhanath Dasa, Mr. A. K. Dass, Mr. Deep Narain Sinha, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Mr. Nandkishore Dass, Mr. Mohanlal Saxena, Mr. H. V. Kamath, Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Mrs. Ammu Swaminathan and Pandit Sri Ram Sharma.

There was no contest for any of the places on the Committee.

Congress Whips

As authorised by the Congress Party in the Constituent Assembly Mr. Satyanarain Sinha, Chief Whip of the Party, has nominated five Deputy Whips. They are Kala Venkata Rao, Mr. Rajkrishna Bose, Mr. Kamalpathi Tiwari, Mr. Arunchandra Guha and Mr. Brijlal Biyani.

ANOTHER R.T.C. BEFORE CONSEMBLY MEETS AGAIN

LONDON, Dec. 23 (U.P.A.): The prospects for a round table conference of all Indian political, communal and princely elements to be held in New Delhi before the constituent assembly reassembles on January 20th was a "strong possibility", responsible Indian political quarters said today, radioes Harold Guard, United Press of America staff correspondent.

These quarters said the Congress Party was now inclined to adopt a "more conciliatory" attitude towards the Muslim League as evidenced by the Congress Working Committee's decision not to refer matters of interpretation concerning the representative grouping to the federal court.

The Congress Party's intention now was to leave the door open for the Muslim League's participation in the Constituent Assembly.

Despite the repeated assertions by Muslim League leader Mohammed Ali Jinnah that he saw no reason for calling on the League Council to reconsider its boycott of the constituent assembly, responsible Indians here believed he would consent to participate in an Indian round table conference in which no British representatives would participate.

Indian quarters, including some members of the United Nations delegation presently in London, believed that such a conference could result in considerably narrowing the existing fission between the Congress and the Muslim League particularly in view of the Congress decision not to refer differences to the federal court—a measure to which Mr. Jinnah was most vehemently opposed.

SAIGON, Dec 23 (Reuter): Admiral Thierry D'Argenlieu French High Commissioner for Indo-China, arrived at Saigon today.

Notice To AICC Members

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23, (API): Acharya Jugul Kishore General Secretary of the A.I.C.C. in a statement says:—

"There will be an emergent meeting of the All-India Congress Committee at Delhi on 5th January, 1947 to consider the situation arising out of the British Cabinets' statement of 6th December 1946. Notices are being issued to the members individually. It is just possible that due to shortness of time, all the members may not receive them in time. It is therefore, requested that this Press Note may be treated as a formal invitation.

The A.I.C.C. will meet at 2.30 p.m. and the place will be announced later.

WAVELL BACK IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (A.P.I.): Viceroy Lord Wavell returned to Delhi today after his trip to London. He was accompanied by General Sir Arthur Wauchope.

He was received at the Palam aerodrome by Lady Wavell, Sir John Colville, Governor of Bombay, Lady Colville, Miss Felicity Wavell and the Military Secretary to the Viceroy.

Sir John and Lady Colville will fly to Bombay tomorrow morning.

It is officially announced that the budget session of the Central Assembly meets on February 3, instead of January 20. It is understood that a circular is being issued to members who have sent in notices of questions, asking them to send fresh notices in view of the postponement of the session.

GANDHIJI OBSERVES KASTURBA DAY

SRIRAMPUR, Dec. 23 (UPI).—Mahatma Gandhi performed the monthly celebrations of Kasturba's death in the early hours of yesterday morning in the peaceful atmosphere of his cottage.

After Gandhiji's usual morning prayer and meditation, a special prayer in memory of the late Kasturba Gandhi was held yesterday morning.

When it was dark everywhere outside, a dim light of a hurricane lantern was seen inside Mahatmaji's cottage. Under that dim light 18 chapters of the Gita were recited.

After the recitation of six chapters, Gandhiji and party observed two minutes' silence in memory of the departed soul. Afterwards "Ram Dhun" was sung in chorus which was followed by the recitation of the remaining chapters of the Gita.

This is the second monthly Kasturba Day celebrated by Gandhiji after he began his lonely life in East Bengal.

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By order,
S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar.
Bombay, 18th December, 1946.
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND SUPPLIES

Office of the Textile Commissioner
(Branch Secretariat)
BOMBAY.

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for two temporary posts of Technical Officer in the Office of the Textile Commissioner, Bombay. Pay between Rs. 350 per mensem and Rs. 600 per mensem according to qualifications, experience and previous emoluments of the candidates. In addition, the usual cost of living allowance (hitherto described as 'War Allowance'), as sanctioned from time to time will be admissible.

2. QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE: The Candidate should possess a Degree or Diploma in Cotton Textiles from a Recognised Technical Institute and should be thoroughly conversant with up-to-date methods of (A) Weaving of coarse and fine cloth or of (B) Dyeing, Printing, Bleaching and Finishing and should have at least 5 years' experience in either a Cotton Mill or a Modern Dye House.

3. Application forms (which may be had on request), duly completed, should reach the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India (Administration), Department of Industries and Supplies (Branch Secretariat), III Floor, Ahmedabad House, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, not later than the 10th January, 1947.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male members of the Scheduled Castes to fill a temporary post of Assistant Professor of Pathology, School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta in the Bengal General Service. Members of the Bengal Medical Service (Upper) and medical graduates outside Government Service are eligible to apply. Pay—Rs. 140-20-180-20|2-220-25|2-300-20|2-380 (efficiency bar at 300) per mensem to a private medical practitioner. Persons if recruited direct to this post will draw initial pay in the above scale according to age on the date of assuming duties. The selected candidate, if he is an Assistant Surgeon in Government employ, will be given pay in accordance with his grade pay. Qualifications —A candidate must be a graduate and possess high academic qualifications with special experience in the subject of Pathology: Preference will be given to a candidate with teaching experience. Full details and application forms may be obtained from the office of the Public Service Commission, Bengal, Anderson House, Alipore, Calcutta, personally or on sending an addressed envelope with a nine pies stamp. They will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps. Letters must not be addressed to the Secretary by name. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 11th January, 1946.

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NOTICE

THE RAILWAY BOARD INTEND to negotiate a contract with one main Contractor for the construction of a locomotive manufacturing plant in Bengal. The Contractor will be required to undertake the construction of the workshops, ancillary plant, and all services such as roads, water supply, sewage, drainage, electric lights and telephones, etc. excluding only the provision of plant and machinery required for manufacture of the locomotives.

The work is required to be started at once and to be completed within 27 months of the signing of an agreement to undertake it. The Contractor's capacity and the contracts must be adequate to adhere to this time limit, which will entail a capacity to fabricate and erect at least 15,000 tons of structural steel works for the workshop at a rate in the neighbourhood of 1,500 tons per month.

Contractors who consider themselves suitably equipped to carry out works of this magnitude are invited to communicate with the Secretary, Railway Board, New Delhi, on or before 10th January, 1947, giving references and the following particulars:—

(1) Name of the firm;
(2) Location of steel fabrication shops;
(3) Monthly capacity for fabricating structural steel works;
(4) Evidence of ability to arrange sub-contracts for carrying out the ancillary works and services;
(5) Evidence of ability to produce detailed designs for workshops and an estimate of when such design work could start;
(6) General particulars of major works of this nature carried out in the last 5 years in India.

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Indian Shipping Industry Still Handicapped

Progress Hampered by British Vested Interests

Mr. Walchand Hirachand surveys position at Scindia Steam Navigation Company's meeting

Mr. Walchand Hirachand, Chairman of the Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., speaking at the 27th ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of that Company, held at Scindia House, Ballard Estate, Bombay, on Monday, (23rd December) 1946, said:—

Before offering remarks on the working of the Company. I shall, with your permission, take the Report and the Accounts, which have been now in your hands for some days past, as read.

As you must have noticed from the Balance Sheet, heads of Accounts have been presented this year under appropriate groups. As desired by you, corresponding figures for the previous year have also been given. Annas and Pies have not been included in each item of the Accounts. This new form of the presentation of Accounts will, I have no doubt, be considered satisfactory.

Let me now refer to some of the important items in the Balance Sheet. The Reserve Fund, which stood last year at Rs. 3,45,000/-, has now increased to Rs. 40,00,000/-. The transfer of the sum of Rs. 22,22,305/- standing to the credit of the Marine Insurance Fund, the amount of Rs. 2,75,000/- from the Profits of the current year, and the sum of Rs. 8,47,993/- being the Liabilities for Refund provided in previous years and not now required, have mainly been responsible for this increase. You must have noted from the Report of the Directors that, as the Company does not now carry Marine Insurance Risk over its fleet, there is no necessity to maintain a separate Marine Insurance Fund.

There is no change in the Investment Reserve Account.

As regards the Fleet Replacement Account, it has risen from Rs. 70,32,416/- to Rs. 1,50,00,000/-. I explained to you last year how the Fleet Replacement Account came into existence. I told you that the amounts received from the Underwriters and the advances received from the Government for the loss of ships were credited to this Account, while the amount of the cost of the ships lost, not covered by the amount of Depreciation provided against them, was debited under this head. I also informed you that any further amounts that would be received from the Government for the loss of the four ships requisitioned by them, would also be credited to this Account, when received. During the year, a further and final advance of Rs. 50,31,386 was received from the Government against the loss of four ships, and this amount has been credited to the Fleet Replacement Account. In addition to this, a sum of Rs. 29,36,198/- has been transferred under this head from the profits of the year under review. As I will point out to you later, the amounts received from the Underwriters and the Government for the loss of ships, together with the amounts of Depreciation provided for those ships and the amounts transferred from the profits of the Company, will fall far short of the sum which the Company will require for replacing the ships lost during the war.

There is no change in the amount provided for Deferred Repairs.

As regards the Depreciation Account, it has gone up from Rs. 1,34,50,000/- to Rs. 1,38,00,000/-. While the amount provided for Depreciation during the year under review is Rs. 15,15,513/-, the amount of Rs. 12,12,718 being the cost of Slipways and Buildings and the installation of machinery, etc. of the Bombay Yard, had to be written off under this head as the Bombay Yard was closed.

The Bad Debt Account stands at the same figure of Rs. 7,82,137/-.

Staff Amelioration Fund

A sum of one lac of rupees has been transferred from the profits of the year to the Staff Amelioration Fund which now stands at Rs. three lacs.

There is practically very slight change in the Fleet Account. The sum of Rs. 34,14,220/- has been paid as instalments for the construction of one cargo and one pilgrim ship.

As no work had to be done on account of the Government, the Bombay Yard was closed. Machinery from the Bombay Yard was transferred to Vizag. Further progress was made in the construction of Slipways, Fitting-out Wharf, Hull Structural Shop, Mould Loft, etc., at the Vizag Yard. This progress in the work at the Vizag Yard has brought its cost to Rs. 78,52,779 as against the total cost of the Bombay and Vizag Yards which stood at Rs. 63,50,702/- in the last Balance Sheet.

There has been no appreciable change under the head 'Plant, Machinery and Tools.'

As regards the Labour Colony, its cost has gone up from Rs. 12,08,811/- to Rs. 25,39,384/-. The increase is due to the provision of housing accommodation and other facilities and amenities which have been provided for the growing force of labour which the Company requires for its operations at its Yard at Vizag.

As you know, I undertook at the last Annual General Meeting to give separate figures of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Shipyard Department in the Profit and Loss Account. The position in this connection was further examined by us in consultation with the Auditors of the Company. Now that the war is over, the Company will not receive any order either for shipbuilding or for ship-repairs from the Government. The Shipyard at Vizag is now engaged almost cent. per cent in building new ships for the Company and in repairing some of its vessels now and again. In other words, the Yard will now carry out departmentally the work of the Company, namely, building and repairs to ships. It will be appreciated that there could be no profit on work carried out departmentally. The activities of the Shipyard, therefore, barring a very small amount of outside work that it may receive will neither show profit nor loss. The total operating costs will be apportioned over the construction of new ships for the Company and repairs to the Company's own ships. These circumstances have led us to the conclusion that no useful purpose would be served by giving separate figures for the amount of expenditure of the Shipyard Department as there will be no revenue from any outside source on the credit side.

Working Of The Company

May I now turn to the working of the Company? All the six requisitioned steamers of the Company were returned to us during the year under review. They could, therefore, be utilised in the service of the Company for a longer period than it was possible to do during the previous year. We were, therefore, able to carry a lac of tons of more cargo on the Coast during the year under report than the quantity carried last year. Our freight earnings rose from Rs. 1,86,67,000/- to Rs. 2,27,18,000/-. Satisfactory as this performance is, I must point out to you that, although our steamers both cargo and passenger, called 14 times at Rangoon, they were not allowed to lift a single ton of cargo out of a shipment of over a lac of tons from that port to India. According to our quota we were undercarriers to the extent of nearly 50,000 tons from Burma ports till the end of June 1946. The British Ministry of Shipping, with the assistance of the S.E.A.C. Freight Movement Committee at Singapore, was responsible for creating this unusually difficult situation for us. As our steamers were confined to the Coast, we appealed to our Government and requested them to redress this wrong done to us. I am sorry to say that there was no response from the Government. During the current year, we are, however, trying to lift cargo according to our quota, and we hope that we shall be allowed to do so.

The cost of operations has remained at the same high level during the year under report as it was in the previous year. There has been, however, a very large increase in the expenditure on repairs and surveys of our ships owing to Government control and restrictions. Ships could not be maintained up to the proper standard during the war. They had, therefore, to be brought up to their proper efficiency. This factor, coupled with the Special Surveys of several ships during the year, increased substantially the Repairs and Survey Bill. It rose from Rs. 25 Lacs last year to a little over Rs. 38 Lacs during the year under report. Repairs and surveys of other ships will have to be finished during the current year, and a substantial expenditure will, therefore, be incurred in this connection. The cost of operation is bound to remain at a high level. As you are aware, certain conventions were adopted at the Maritime Conference held at Seattle last June. The principle object of this Conference was to ensure better accommodation and higher wages and other amenities and benefits for the officers and crew on board ships. While I welcome this improvement in the conditions of service of our seamen, which has now been long overdue, it will be obvious that they will substantially add to the cost of running steamers. It is difficult to visualise at this stage the exact financial implications of giving effect to all these improvements. I can, however, tell you that, apart from a substantial expenditure of a capital nature, they would also entail a heavy recurring annual liability in the running of our ships.

Fleet Replacement

As I told you last year, the Company lost eight ships during the war. They have, therefore, to be replaced. One cargo ship of about 8,000 tons built at Glasgow is, as you must have noticed from the Director's Report, already in commission. Two cargo ships of about 8,000 tons each are being built at the Company's Yard at Vizag. Two pilgrim ships to replace the s.s. EL MADINA and the s.s. EL HIND are under construction in the U.K. Orders for two fast cargo ships of about 9,400 tons each have been recently placed. The delivery of all these new ships has been spread over the next two years. It will, therefore, not be before the end of 1948 that the Company will be able to maintain its services with the same number of ships as it had before the war. As I remarked last year, the amount that may be received from the Underwriters or from the Government for the ships lost, together with the sum that may be standing to their credit in the Depreciation Fund, will fall far short of the amount that will be required for building new ships to replace them. The programme of building new tonnage, just referred to by me, will need a fresh sum of over Rs. 2,25,00,000/- in addition to the amount received for the lost ships together with the amount standing to their credit in the Depreciation Fund. While the policy of taxation, on the one hand, as I have said on a previous occasion, prevented the Company from building up its resources which it badly needs, it will have, on the other hand, to raise fresh capital to meet the cost of replacing its lost tonnage. This is bound to affect the capital structure of the Company. It has necessitated the increase in its capital, and I am grateful to you, Gentlemen, for so readily responding to our request and taking up the new issue of shares which were offered to you. The Company will have to provide a higher sum for Depreciation in view of the very high cost of the new tonnage that is being built. The increased capital of the Company will need a larger sum for disbursements as Dividend. These are some of the thorny problems which the Indian shipping industry will have to face in the immediate future.

Trade with Burma

As Burma was liberated, I expressed the hope last year that the carrying of trade by commercial ships between the two countries would soon be resumed. Since then a new Government has been formed in Burma under the leadership of Major General Aung San. We rejoice at the prospect that Burma will soon be as free and independent as we expect our own country to be free and independent. I sympathise with the desire and aspirations of the Burmans to take a more active and more substantial part than they have done hitherto in the building up of their country's national economy. I recognise that whatever may have been or may be the rights of Indians in Burma, the retention and cultivation of the goodwill of Burmans and an enlightened spirit of co-operation for mutual benefit can only become the sheet-anchor for maintaining the status and position of Indians in that country in the future. This new angle of friendly approach and this new spirit of mutual co-operation will have to guide as well as to inspire the future economic and political relations between India and Burma. May I, therefore, appeal to the Government of Major General Aung San that, while we as Indians are ready and willing to extend our active co-operation in his policy to enable his countrymen to take a larger and larger share in the economic life of Burma, he will be pleased to accord to us Indians, who have played an important part in the national economy of his country, a treatment not in any way less favourable than the one that may be accorded to the Britishers?

You will be glad to note that a larger number of Burmans than before is being appointed on the staff of the offices of the Company at Burma ports and further endeavours are being made to train suitable Burmans for filling responsible posts in the organisation of the Company in that country. The rice trade between India and Burma has, however, not yet returned to its normal channels Control is still being exercised in regard to the export of rice from that country to India. It is really difficult to understand why, instead of moving rice from Siam to India, a larger quantity of rice is not being allowed to be imported from Burma to this country, since it will conserve the much needed shipping space and also effect saving in the incidental charges I am afraid, however, that such an obviously equitable and economical arrangement is being ignored, as it is likely to help the British Ministry of shipping in enabling a larger number of British ships to carry such cargo to the ports of this country. May I, therefore, express the hope and make a request that both the Government of Burma and the Government of India will look into this question in their common interest and also evolve an arrangement whereby the important rice trade between the two countries begins to function in its normal course and through the normal channels at as early a date as possible?

Shipbuilding At Vizag

Let me now say a few words about the Shipbuilding Yard of the Company at Vizag. As you know, the Yard at Bmobay was put up as a temporary Yard to enable us to serve the cause of the war by executing orders that might be placed with us by the Government. With the cessation of hostilities all Government work came to an end. The temporary Yard at Bombay was closed. Machinery was again transferred to Vizag. I have already referred to the progress made in the completion of the various Workshops and Slipways etc. at Vizag. I have already told you that two 8,000 tonners are under construction in that Yard. As stated in the Directors' Report, it is the intention of the company to build three ships per year during the next period of five years, so that older ships of the Company might be replaced by ships required in modern days. In addition to this work of construction, it is our intention to carry on repairs to and surveys of as many of the ships of the Company as possible in that Yard. It is difficult at this stage to compare the cost of the ships that will be built in that Yard with the cost at which ships can be imported from abroad. As you are aware the Government of India have appointed a Shipbuilding Panel and have entrusted them with the task of making recommendations as to how the Shipbuilding Industry can be established and stabilised in this country. That Panel has also been requested to consider the question as to what financial help it may be necessary to give at any rate in the early stage of its development to that Industry for the purpose of establishing the Shipbuilding Industry on a sound and economic footing in India. We are all awaiting with interest the report of that Panel. The Company also intends to submit its case for assistance to the Tariff Board at an early date. Even in the U. K., where both the Shipping and the Shipbuilding Industries have reached a high stage of perfection and have been able to build up enormous financial resources, actual financial assistance was given for building ships. That assistance was only discontinued when the building of ships on private account had been suspended to meet the exigencies of the war. It is, therefore, not unreasonable to expect that the Tariff Board and the Government would recognise the claims established by the Industry in its early stage of development in this country, for such financial help as it actually needs. In view of the announcement of the policy by the Government for the rapid industrialisation of India, and particularly for the development of such basic industries as would help the defence of the country, it is essential that there should be no delay in putting the Shipbuilding Industry in this land on a very sound and economic and efficient basis I can express the hope that the Government would be pleased to render such assistance as may be needed for this great enterprise which the Company has, with your assistance, established at Vizag.

Tripartite Agreement

The Tripartite Agreement still holds the field. Under normal circumstances it would have expired in 1939. That Agreement prevents the Scindia and its associated shipping Companies, which were in existence before the war, from expanding their activities. These Companies practically constituted before the war the entire Indian Shipping Industry in this land. Every maritime country has been expanding and expanding rapidly, its national tonnage and is thereby able to carry a much larger share of its maritime trades. India alone is a glaring exception to this universal development. There has been practically no expansion in the tonnage of the companies referred to above for the last fourteen years. Many of them have lost their ships and have to find new capital to replace them even to reach the tonnage which they had before the war. We are told that the Government of India intend to carry on negotiations with His Majesty's Government for securing a larger share in the carriage of India's maritime trades by the tonnage owned, controlled and managed by the nationals of India. The securing of sueh participation by Indian tonnage is in consonance with the new policy for shipping which they had declared last year. I understand that the Government are now awaiting the report of the Shipping Policy Sub-Committee which their Policy Committee had appointed last year. Now that the report of that Sub-Committee has already been submitted, let me express the hope that the Government of India would move early in the matter for the consideration of that report and for carrying on such further negotiations as they consider desirable or for taking such further steps as may be deemed necessary for securing for Indian Shipping such participation in the carriage of the various overseas trades as have been recommended by the Sub-Committee appointed by them. While it is sad to reflect that the existing tonnage of the Indian Shipping Companies is a little over a lac of tons, it is heartening to note the report that the Shipping Policy Sub-Committee has recommended that tonnage owned, controlled and managed by the nationals of this country should reach at least two million tons during the period of the next five or seven years. Now that the people of our own country are at the helm of affairs at the Centre, one can look forward with greater faith and fresher and brighter hope for the realisation and fulfilment of all our aspirations and endeavours for building up our national economic activities.

Purchase Of "Liberty" Ships

Indian Shipping has practically no share in the carriage of its trade overseas trades. At a considerable sacrifice the Company was able to make an entry into this trade nearly ten years ago by carrying pilgrims between India and Jeddah. We have now decided to start a cargo service between India and America. Apart from assisting the Government in the carriage of foodgrains which this country badly needs, we shall be able to establish further contacts between India and that great country with which we want to establish closer and friendlier relations. We have, therefore, decided to buy five LIBERTY ships from the Maritime Commission of the United States. I am glad to tell you that the Dollars required for the purchase of these ships have been released by the Government, and may I tender to them our grateful thanks for the prompt response which they have given in complying with our request in this matter. It is hoped that with the delivery of these ships we shall be able to establish a regular monthly cargo service between India and America early next year.

Race Between Giant And Dwarf

Before I conclude, I would like to bring to your notice certain forces, activities and tendencies in the international field which are likely to seriously affect the development of the national shipping industry in this country. Various maritime countries have developed and have been developing their national shipping by adoption of such means up to now as the reservation of their coastal trade to their own national tonnage and by giving financial assistance, construction, operational and small subsidies to their shipping and shipbuilding industries and by giving preference to their own tonnage in a variety of ways in the carriage of their countries' maritime trades over the tonnage under other flags. The recent Maritime Conference which was held at Washington has decided India of course dissenting, that a specialised agency should be set up for shipping which will be duly affiliated to the United Nations Organisation. It will be this specialised agency which alone will speak in future on behalf of shipping industry of all the countries of the world which are members of the United Nations Organisation. It is decided that the adoption of any such means by which maritime countries, including England and America, have developed their national shipping industry up to now, should be construed in the future as practising discrimination and that every member of the specialised agency must, therefore, remove such forms of discrimination for the purpose of making freely available the shipping services of the world for developing international trade. This is like the giant calling the dwarf to run a race on equal terms. It will be impossible to countries like India or China, the shipping industry of which is in the early stage of development, to agree not to adopt those very means which have enabled the British and American shipping industry to reach a position of great activity and to build up an enormous financial strength. You will remember, gentlemen, that speaking at a recent meeting in Bombay the Commerce Member observed:

"Similarly free trade with regard to shipping has proved disastrous and will have to be replaced by some other arrangements if we want India to take her legitimate place in the comity of nations. I think it was Mahatmaji who said that any talk of free trade between the strong and the weak was a snare and an illusion and you can rest assured that the Government will always keep themselves alive to the dangers inherent in this system and see that any handicaps placed in the way of the development of Indian Shipping or ship-building should disappear as soon as possible:"

I further added:

"If shipping of much more powerful countries than India, like Great Britain and the U. S., etc., with huge financial reserves of their own, requires protection, the State should be prepared to do everything in its power for the development of Indian shipping".

Need For Caution

"I understand that in spite of the fact that all the three Delegates who went to Washington on behalf of the Government dissented from this new principle of free trade, affirmed by Washington Conference, for the shipping industry of the world, it is reported that the Government of India are contemplating joining that new body, the principle objective of which is bound to militate most ruthlessly against the development of national shipping. In view of the message of hope cheer, as referred to above which was only given a few week back to Indian shipping by the spokesman of the Government, I can only express the hope that the report in circulation is wrong and that those who are, at present shaping the destiny of this country at the centre will not only do their utmost to implement the policy of rapid industrialisation but will also take every possible step to ensure the building up by the nationals of this country a merchant navy, adequate and efficient to meet all her commercial needs, strategic demands and defence requirements.

In conclusion, may I, with your permission, on behalf of all of us, express our feeling of appreciation for the efficient manner in which the staff afloat and the staff ashore have discharged their duties during the year under report. With these words, I beg to move:

"That the Directors' Report and the Audited Statement of accounts for the year ended the 30th June, 1946, already sent to the shareholders, be and are hereby adopted".

THIS IS ONLY AN ANNOUNCEMENT & NOT THE PROSPECTUS

Consent of the Central Government has been obtained to this issue of capital subject to the condition that so much of the capital as cannot in that Government's judgment be properly expended until some uncertain future date is invested and kept invested in prescribed securities which will not be released until the Central Government (in consultation with the Crown representative if any Indian State interests are involved) is satisfied that the time has come to make corresponding payments for purposes which are consistent with the enforcement of any measures of control or restrictions that may be in operation at the time when such release is applied for. It must be distinctly understood that in giving this consent the Government of India do not take any responsibility for the financial soundness of any schemes or for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed with regard to them.

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CAPITAL

AUTHORISED CAPITAL..... Rs. 30,00,000

DIVIDED INTO

15,000 Cumulative Preference shares of Rs. 100/- each carrying a fixed dividend of 6% per annum (free of income-tax) .. .. .. Rs. 15,00,000
1,50,000 Ordinary shares of Rs. 10/- each .. .. Rs. 15,00,000

Total Rs. 30,00,000

Though the Preference shares are issued at 6% dividend as per the Articles of Association the matter will be placed before the general body of Share-holders and the Dividend reduced to 5% and all purchases must be made on this understanding.

PRESENT ISSUE..... Rs. 20,00,000

DIVIDED INTO

10,000 Preference Shares of Rs. 100/- each .. Rs. 10,00,000
1,00,000 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 10/- each .. Rs. 10,00,000

Total Rs. 20,00,000

The preference shares aforesaid shall confer on the holders thereof the right to a fixed cumulative preferencial dividend at the rate of 6% per annum (free of income-tax) on the capital for the time being paid up thereon, and the right in any winding up to repayment of capital and arrears of dividend whether declared or undeclared upto the commencement of the winding up in priority to the ordinary shares but shall not confer any further right to participate in the profits or assets of the Company.

Out of the above issue the promoters, Directors and their friends have already taken up 1,400 Preference shares and 50,000 Ordinary shares and 3,000 Ordinary shares are agreed to be allotted to the Promoter Mr. S. J. Billimoria or his nominees as fully paid up for the consideration hereafter mentioned. The remaining shares that are now offered to the public for subscription are payable as follows:—

PREFERENCE SHARES

On application ..... Rs. 10/-
On allotment ..... Rs. 75/-
and the balance in calls of not more than Rs. 25/- per share as and when required by the Company at intervals of not less than four months.

ORDINARY SHARES

On application ..... Re. 1/-
On allotment ..... Rs. 1/8
and the balance in calls of Rs. 2-8-0 per share as and when required by the Company at intervals of not less than four months.

DIRECTORS

(1) HARIDAS MADHAVDAS Esqr., Oriental Buildings, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bombay. Merchant: Partner of Messrs. Amerey Damodar. (CHAIRMAN).
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(3) Dr. T. M. KAJIJI Asian Buildings, Nicol Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, Managing Director of the Asian Assurance Co. Ltd.
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(5) RAO BAHADUR UMAKANT SHRIRANG DESAI, Dalal Street, Share & Stock Broker Chairman, The Bombay Mutual Assurance Co. Ltd., Chairman The Konkan Bank Ltd. etc.*
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(10) SORABJI J. BILLIMORIA, Esqr., B.A. LL.B Anderson Road, Hubli (ex-Officio).

BANKERS

(1) The Imperial Bank of India, Ltd., Bombay and Branches.
(2) The Central Bank of India, Ltd. Bombay and Branches
(3) The Canara Industrial and Banking Syndicate, Ltd Mangalore and Branches.

AUDITORS

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LEGAL ADVISERS

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(2) Messrs. Mulla & Mulla, Solicitors and Notary Public, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay.

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Messrs. Champaklal Devidas, Dalal Street, Bombay.
Messrs. H. R. Billimoria & Co., Hamam Street, Bombay.
P. R. Subramanyam, M.A., 61, Stock Exchange Building, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay.

MANAGING AGENTS

Messrs. Billimoria & Sons, Anderson Road, Hubli.

REGISTERED OFFICE

Commissariat Buildings, Hornby Road, Bombay.

OBJECTS

The Company has been formed for the purposes specified in the Memorandum of Association and particularly for the purpose of producing, manufacturing and dealing in sugar, cellulose and allied products.

BROKERAGE

Brokerage at two per cent will be paid to bonafide brokers bankers or authorised agents for the number of shares allotted on application received through them bearing their stamps

APPLICATION FORMS FOR SHARES

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To-day's Engagements

ALL-INDIA RADIO MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION: Fifth annual meeting at 3 p.m., today, at Indian Merchants' Chamber Hall, Opp. Churchgate Station.

TECHNOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY: Sir C. V Raman, F. R. S., will deliver a lecture on 'Molecular Architecture of Crystals' at 5 p.m., today, in the auditorium of the Department of Chemical Technology, Matunga Road, Matunga.

BOMBAY METALLURGICAL SOCIETY: Ordinary meeting today, at 6 p.m., at Conference Hall, Electric House, Colaba. Prof. N. P. Gandhi will deliver a lecture on "Hardness of Metals and its Measurement", illustrated with lantern slides.

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION ASHRAM: The Christmas Eve will be celebrated at the Ramakrishna Mission Library Hall, at 7-15 p.m., today.

ART AND TALENT EXHIBITION: Admission free from 24th to 27th Dec. at Nagpada Neighbourhood House. Byculla. (Daily at 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.).

BENGAL & ASSAM FLOOD RELIEF COMMITTEE, has issued the following statement:—Donations received by Bengal & Assam Flood Relief Committee, Bombay Rs. 1,603-11-6; Amount remitted to the Premier of Assam for distribution Rs. 501-0-0; Amount remitted to Mrs. Nellie Sen Gupta for distribution amongst the flood-stricken people of Chittagong Rs. 901-0-0; leaving a balance in hand Rs. 201-11-6.

BIRTH-DAY CELEBRATION OF QAID-E-AZAM: Today and tomorrow, the Muslim National Guards of Bombay will take up the task of selling to the public the beautiful lockets bearing Qaid-e-Azam's esqy, which are prepared by the Muslim national Guard's, Head Quarters. On the 25th morning the Muslim National Guards will hold a march-past in "Chhotta Qabrestan". The flag-hoisting ceremony will also be performed.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION.

Telegrams are now accepted for Camp Odommell (Tarlac) in Luzon island at the rates applicable to "other offices in Luzon, etc." and La Carlota-Negros in Negros island and Lady Leyte Island of Leyte at the rates applicable to "other offices" in the Philippine Islands.

AZAD HIND DAL.

Sirdar Sardulsing Caveeshar, President of the A. I. F. B. will inspect and address the Azad Hind Dal Units. No. 1, 2, 3 and 4, Walkeswer Branch at Banganga, Walkeshwar on Wednesday, at 8 p.m.

WEATHER NEWS FOR FARMERS

Forecast till Wednesday morning:—Weather will be dry.

Outlook for further 2 days:—Weather will continue to be dry.

TODAY ON RADIO

TUESDAY, Dec. 24.

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244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. Song of Week 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Krishnarao Kolhapurey (Been) 8-45 Wali Mohammad 9-0 Kesarbai Bandodkar (Vocal).

12-0 p.m. Programme of topical entertainment (G) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Variety 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Music 4-20 Yadeorao Joshi 4-45 Azmat Khan: (Thumri) 5-0 Krishnarao Kolhapurey (Been) 5-15 Yadeorao Joshi (Vocal) 5-35 Azmat Khan: (Thumri) 5-45 Topic of Day 5-55 Locals 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Filmi Gane 6-30 Purushottam Solankurkar 7-0 Yadeorao Joshi (Vocal) 7-15 Krishnarao Kolhapurey (Been) 7-30 Kesarbai Bandodkar (Vocal) 8-0 News (M) 8-30 "Tarpan" (Gujarati play written by K. M. Munshi 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Programme Parade 9-45 Radio Forum 10.0 C. P. Bramble: Tenor 10-15 Interlude 10-25 Marion Cheetham (Soprano) 10-35 Interlude 10-45 Salvation Army Choir.

Scindia Steam Navigation Company Meeting

The 27th ordinary general meeting of the Scindia Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. was held at the Scindia House on Monday, Mr. Walchand Hirachand presiding. The chairman moved the adoption of the directors' report and audited statement of accounts for the year ended 30th June 1946. which among other things stated:

After providing a sum of Rs. 15,15,513 for Depreciation, a sum of Rs. 1,31,00,000 for Taxation and writing off Rs. 9,00,000 being Underwriting Commission, the amount available for disposal together with the sum of Rs. 1,01,827 brought forward from the last account comes to Rs. 55,09,081 out of which the Directors have transferred to: Fleet Replacement Account Rs. 29,36,198, Reserve Fund Rs. 2,75,000, Staff Amelioration Fund (for seamen) Rs. 1,00,000 Leaving a balance of Rs. 21,97,883. The Directors decided to dispose of this amount as follows: Recommend Dividend on 14,83,716 shares at Re. 1 per share (free of income-tax) Rs. 14,83,716. Recommend Bonus on 14,83,716 shares at 4 annas per share (free of income-tax) Rs. 3,70,929. Bonus to staff Rs. 2,25,000. Leaving a balance to be carried forward Rs. 1,18,238. Total Rs. 21,97,883.

Sir Chunilal B. Mehta seconded the proposition. Some shareholders put questions regarding the administration and the accounts who were satisfactorily replied to by Mr. M. A. Master.

The report was then put to vote and was unanimously adopted, Mr. Tulsidas Kilachand, Sir Chunilal B. Mehta and Mr. Maneklal Premchand were re-elected directors and Messrs. K. S. Aiyar and Co. and Messrs. N. M. Raiji and Co. were appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

"Parsi Trunk Murder Case"

Police Officer Narrates Story Of Investigation Leading To Four Arrests

BOMBAY, Monday.

Sub-Inspector Bulsara of the Crime Branch (C. I. D.) whose investigation into the riddle of "Parsi Trunk Murder" culminated in the arrest of four persons, was examined by Mr. Vyavasharkar, Crown Counsel, this afternoon before Mr. A. I. Rahimtoola at the Mazgaon Court. The accused (1) Kaikushru Bathena, (2) Sultan Khan, (3) Abdul Sadhik and (4) Abdul Khan Mohamed were present.

Kasam Ibrahim, an employee of the Alice Laundry in his evidence said that the bloodstained shirt (shown to him) which bore the number of a receipt made in the name of Sultan was brought by Accused No. 4.

Jal Shapurji Minochar, night foreman of "Jame Jamshed" Press producing the muster roll said that accused No. 1 was a compositor working under him. He was on duty till May 4. May 5 was his "off" day and on 6, 7, 8 and 9 he was absent from 10th to 19th May he was on leave.

Giving evidence Sub-Inspector Bulsara said that the case of Nariman Rustomji Shroff whose headless body encased in a trunk was taken over from the Bhoiwada Police Station on May 10 by Inspector Savant and him. As the head was severed from the body they intimated the Health Officer of the Municipality to be in look out for it. With no clues except "P. N. A. R. S." laundry marks on a "chadi" alleged to have been worn by the deceased the Police began the herculean task to solve the riddle. After 5 days of thorough search in every nook and corner of the City, they traced the New Presidency Laundry, Grant Road, which identified the marks as belonging to their company. On May 16 Nadirshah Rustomji Shroff deceased's brother, directed by the laundryman came to the C. I. D. office. He was taken to the Morgue where he identified the body from the peculiarity of the left leg which was thinner than the right. On the strength of statements made by Nadirshah the Police called upon accused Nos. 1 and 2, who were subsequently arrested on May 17. Later accused No. 3 and 4 were also arrested.

Continuing witness said that Accused No. 3 made a certain statement and took Inspector Savant and him to the Sweeper's Lane behind the Barra Immam Lane. He pointed out a rectangular 2 feet by 3 gutter, but nothing was found inside. But near the guiter, they discovered many dirty torn and blood stained clothes. Further investigation led to the discovery of a red trunk, blood-stained "chetai", and some clothes at the residence of Accused No. 2. On a wooden stand, they found old issues of "Jame-Jamshed", and "Heraldo"; A copy of a Gujarati weekly "Bavivar" dated February 3, with the first four pages torn off was also recovered.

INDIAN HISTORICAL RECORDS

Reorganisation Of Imperial Record Department

Last year's report of the Imperial Record Department of the Government of India show a considerable progress in various directions. Besides compiling different series of letters and transcribing some of the original manuscripts it prepared further 6,000 pages of type-scripts.

The regional Committees of the Indian Historical Records Commission have been set up in the various provinces to institute comprehensive surveys of records and seventeen Indian States have also agreed to participate in the project.

The Imperial Record Department Research Laboratory has collected a large number of technical data regarding the dating of papers and developing a type of insecticidal paper for the protection of books and documents.

An important aspect of the Department's activities was the establishment of educational contacts with several archives offices in Europe and America.

A comprehensive post-war plan for the reorganisation of the Department is under the consideration of the Government of India, according to the Report.

No Training For Old Teachers

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Municipal Standing Committee at its meeting today refused to sanction the additional budget grant of Rs. 132,000 to meet the cost of conducting training classes for average Municipal teachers opened recently by the Municipal Schools Committee.

Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel who presided said that it was wrong on the part of the Schools Committee to have started the classes before obtaining the necessary grant from thes Standing Committee.

Afghan Sardars' Claim To Be 'Free Foreigners In India

POONA, December 23. (A.P.I.): Three Chief Afghan Sardars detained in India for the last seven years—Sardar Inayatullah Khan, Sardar Hafizullah Khan, and Sardar Habibullah Khan have expressed their resolve not to accept any orders of detention or of any other nature in future imposed by "the tyrant British Government of India". They further claim to be "free foreigners in India".

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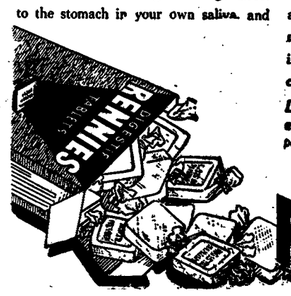

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

Widespread Rain In N.W.F.P.

POONA, Dec. 23, (A. P. I.): The following is the daily weather summary for Monday, the 23rd December, 1946:—

Rainfall or snowfall has been widespread in the North-West Frontier Province and scattered in the north Punjab, Kashmir and Baluchistan.

Forecast until the 24th evening:—Local precipitation will occur in Kashmir, the East and North Punjab and the hills of the West United Provinces. Scattered thundershowers are also possible in the North-West Frontier Province, the South-West Punjab and the plains of the West United Provinces. Night temperatures are expected to fall in Baluchistan, Sind and Rajputana.

WEATHER CHART.

POONA, Dec. 23, (A. P. I.): The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, total rainfall from 1st November, 1946 and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hours (I. S. T.), on 23rd December, 1946:—

Ahmedabad 85 57 0 1.1 plus 0.9, Allahabad 74 44 0 1.3 plus 0.7, Baroda 91 52 0 1.1 plus 0.3, BOMBAY 88 71 0 7.1 plus 6.5, Calcutta 79 55 0 1.7 plus 0.7, Cawnpore 74 43 0 0.3 minus, PMW Cochin 88 72 0 23.5 plus 15.5, Delhi 74 43 0 0 minus 0.4, Jacobabad 75 44 0 0 minus 0.2, Jubbulpore 79 47 0 6.0 plus 5.3, Karachi 79 58 0 0 minus 0.2, Hyderabad (Dn.) 84 57 0 2.5 plus 1.1, Lahore 66 42 0 0.4 0, Lucknow 75 43 0.1 0.1 minus .3, Madras 82 68 0 50.0 plus 1.4, Mysore 78 59 0 10.2 plus 7.1, Nagpur 83 60 0 7.1 plus 6.0, Patna 73 47 0 0.4 minus 0.2, Peshawar 55 45 T 0.3 minus 0.4, Poona 89 64 0 6.2 plus 5.0, Surat 90 64 0 7.5 plus 7.2.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is more blessed to give than to receive.

—Shakespeare.

The Bombay Chronicle

MID-EAST & INDIA

It is natural enough that, as recent events in the international field have shown, all the peoples and statesmen of the Middle East should sympathise with the aims and aspirations of India and its people as a whole. For those aims and aspirations serve the interests of all Asiatic countries and in them lie advantages and benefits for all. It is gratifying to note how Middle East countries stood together with at the United Nations conferences and meetings and we are glad that Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit paid public tributes both in America and India to the sense of Asiatic solidarity and friendship for this country which representatives of the Middle East displayed. Their attitude was worthy of them and is entitled to India's appreciation and thanks which the leader of the Indian delegation to U.N.O. has publicly tendered to them. We are sure good feeling, friendship and solidarity will be further cemented after the forthcoming inter-Asian Conference in New Delhi which representatives of the Middle East countries and of the Arab League are going to attend.

In the meantime, while we appreciate Mid-East friendship for India we also recognise it as only too natural that its peoples should have special regard for, and interest in, the Muslims of India. Nor does India object to our neighbours and Asiatic friends concerning themselves with the unfortunate internal troubles that this country is to-day confronted with. We have noted that, at any rate according to reports received so far, Mr. Jinnah's visit to Egypt, while meeting with all round cordiality and friendship as it should have done, succeeded in evoking only one response to his particular claim for "Pakistan". Hussein Heykal Pasha, leader of the Constitutional Liberal Party of Egypt, has declared his support for Mr. Jinnah's sovereign "Pakistan". The rest of India need not complain that even though other fellow-statesmen of his should all have desisted from pronouncing on a vexed and complicated problem, Hussein Heykal Pasha should not have followed their example. The point of the complaint is that the Egyptian Liberal leader blessed a project without informing himself even of the very elementary facts about the whole issue. His ignorance is proved by the fact that in his opinion the 80 million Muslims of British India live in an area bordering Iran and Afghanistan!

And yet it is not difficult for any outsider to understand the unreality and impracticability of what Mr. Jinnah loosely describes as "Pakistan". Not much is needed by way of material. The Cabinet Mission's statement of May 16, a map of India and some elementary facts and figures regarding the distribution and concentration of populations (these facts and figures are in fact given in the Cabinet Mission's Statement) will be quite enough for a commonsense and impartial consideration and judgment. If Heykal Pasha, or for that matter any impartial man did that he would discover that the fundamentals of Pakistan are composed of surprising paradoxes, which cannot be reconciled to or converted into practicable reality.

"Pakistan", as authoritatively defined by Mr. Jinnah, comprises two "zones"—and not one as Heykal Pasha has assumed—the "north-western zone", "bordering on Iran and Afghanistan", with a population of about 23 million Muslims and 14 million non-Muslims, and a "north-eastern zone" with a population of a little over 36 million Muslims and 34 million non-Muslims. They are separated by a distance of some 700 miles which Mr. Jinnah reportedly told Egyptian correspondents, could be connected with a land "corridor". Can any Egyptian, or for that matter any sensible man, support a 700 mile land corridor through another country? In the zones themselves the non-Muslim minorities are as many as 38 per cent in one and 48 per cent in the other. If Muslims object to living as a minority in a United India by what canon of justice should such large non-Muslim minorities be forced to live in Sovereign Pakistan? And there is no answer to this question. The concentration of populations in "Pakistan" is such that areas in both zones and bordering on "Hindustan" are predominantly non-Muslims. Some sort of a theoretical case can be made out for two Pakistans—north-west and north-East—by dividing the Punjab and Bengal and Mr. Jinnah would divide India. But that would reduce Pakistans to economic destitution and bankruptcy and Mr. Jinnah has, in any case, himself rejected it quite forcibly. Exchange of populations? Where is the justice—and who will accept it—of displacing 48 million non-Muslims from what they regard as their homelands to make room for 20 million Muslims from the rest of India? And who is the Egyptian or any man with any sense of realism who can regard as anything but wild and fantastic the idea of transporting some sixty to seventy millions—sixty to seventy millions!—over the vast distances of India? Heykal Pasha's sympathy is intelligible. But responsible statesmen should check statements, on which they form their views, against easily obtainable and very simple facts and figures and an ordinary map of India.

Frankly Speaking

Incisive Criticism

The Congress Working Committee's statement on that of the British Government issued on December 6 is an incisive criticism of the recent questionable ways of the Goverament in dealing with India's constitutional problem. It shows clearly that "in spite of previous assurances to the effect that no additions to, or interpretations of the statement of May 16, 1946, were going to be made, the British Government have now issued a statement which clearly, in several respects, goes beyond the original statement, on the basis of which progress has been made till now." It also warns the Government that its "present intervention long after the members of the Constituent Assembly had been elected has created a new situation which is full of peril for the future. So far as the interpreation of the Grouping clause is concerned, Congress had proposed to refer it to the Federal Court and had agreed to accept the Court's decision. As this is a usual and fair method of authoritative interpretation, Congress hoped that the Court's decision would be accepted by all the parties concerned. But it appears this did not suit the Government. It foisted its own interpretation on the clause so as to favour the Muslim League, pit it against the Congress and deprive a small provinces in a Group of its autonomy, though provincial autonomy is demonstrably one of the basic principles of the Cabinet Mission's plan. Nay, the Government goes so far as to declare that it is not prepared to accept even the decision of the Federal Court on this point. It has even encouraged the League not to accept the Court's decision by suggesting that the League is not bound by the decision.

Self-Reliance

In these circumstances when neither the Government nor the League is prepared to accept the Court's verdict, the Congress Working Committee has reason to feel that a reference to the Court "becomes totally uncalled for and unbecoming, and unsuited to the dignity of either the Congress or the Federal Court" and that "by their repeated statements, British statesmen have ruled this out." The Congress Committee has accordingly decided to rely most on the Constituent Assembly itself and the possibilities of agreement within it to frame a Constitution "with the willing co-operation of all the elements of the Indian people". It trusts that "members of the Muslim League will give their co-operation in this great task" and "in order to achieve this, the Committee have advised Congress representatives in the Assembly to postpone consideration of important issues to a subsequent meeting." The Committee also assures all concerned that it is "anxious to avoid anything that may come in the way of the successful working of the Constituent Assembly and is prepared to do everything in its power to seek and obtain the largest measure of co-operation, provided that no fundamental principle is violated." In view of possible difficulties an early meeting of the A.I.C.C. has been called but let us hope that an agreement between Congress and League will yet be possible.

Unstatesmanlike, If True

If the Moscow Radio report is correct it is regrettable but understandable that the Central Government should be holding courts martial in order to punish several hundred Azerbaijan autonomists and a number of Iranian Army officers, who had gone over to the autonomists last year. Unless their crime is of a grave nature, a generous amnesty would have been more worthy of M. Ghavam es-Sultaneh. But Moscow Radio alleges further that the Commander of the Iranian forces in Tabriz has officially proclaimed the cancellation of the agreement between the Central Government of Azerbaijan, which presumably refers to the concession to Azerbaijan of a large measure of autonomy. This reported cancellation, if true, would be deplorable, for it would be both unjust and lacking in imaginative statesmanship. It is unjust because a whole people—who have, moreover, fully proved their Iranian patriotism—should not be punished for the faults of a few hundreds or even a few thousands. And an act of democratic generosity will ensure far better the permanent loyalty of an autonomous Azerbaijan to Iran and the Central Government.

Closing Door On Entry Of Indians

Maharaj Singh Delegation On East African Immigration Bills

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22. (A.P.I.): "Indian opinion in all the four territories of East Africa is unanimously opposed to the present Immigration Bills," says the report submitted by the Government of India Delegation to East Africa on the proposed immigration restrictions in Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

The Delegation consisted of Raja Sir Maharaj Singh (Leader), Mr. K. Sarwar Hasan and Mr. C. S. Jha. Its main purpose was to examine, in consultation with public opinion in East Africa, particularly Indian opinion, whether there was any necessity for legislation on the proposed lines and the extent to which such legislation would affect Indian interests.

The Delegation established close contacts with all sections of the Indian communities and also met a number of Europeans, Africans and a few Arabs and Goans, besides a large number of officials.

The Governments of Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and Zanzibar have now introduced bills in their respective Legislatures to impose permanent restrictions of a drastic nature on immigration into these territories. The bills are identical for all the territories except for one or two minor details.

The Delegation points out that during discussions with the Governments of Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda and Zanzibar, it became clear that all the four Bills had been drafted and published after joint consultations and with the same object, namely, "to regulate the flow of immigration to the absorptive capacity of these territories."

OFFICIAL CENSUS NECESSARY.

The Delegation points out that the last official census in the East African territories was taken in 1931. The next census was due in 1941, but could not be held because of the war. The Delegation consider that before any measures are taken for tightening up the pre-war immigration restrictions, an official census is essential. Along with the census there should be an economic survey by a Commission together with a survey of employment and undertakings. All immigration races being adequately represented in the Commission. It would not otherwise appear possible to secure the data on which any proposal for immigration restriction should be based.

Summarising its views on the Immigration Bills the Delegation states:—

Except Zanzibar, all the territories of East Africa have vast spaces with sparse populations. Such being the case the question of immigration into these territories cannot or should not be decided merely from the domestic point of view.

NO UNREGULATED IMMIGRATION.

There is no evidence of excessive or unregulated immigration in the past and the assumption that in the absence of drastic immigration restrictions such as are proposed in the present Immigration Bills, there will be an influx of persons from Europe and Asia is not warranted by past experience or present indications. Nor is there evidence that immigration has here responsible in the past for unemployment; on the contrary it has been generally admitted that much of the prosperity and development of the East African territories has been due to the energy and enterprise of the Immigrant Races.

The fear of excessive immigration beyond the absorptive capacity of East Africa is not borne out by past experience. In periods of depression it is expected that, as has happened before, there will be a temporary cessation of immigration and even emigration from the territories concerned.

In Kenya the throwing open of the highlands to non-European races will give land and occupation, such as they are accustomed to and appreciate to thousands of Africans. This, in turn, will provide employment to a large number of Indians. The total area of the highlands is about 7,000,000 acres of which only a relatively small portion is at present under cultivation. At present there are in Kenya about 2,000 Italian ex-prisoners of war. Their repatriation, which is contemplated, will ipso facto give employment both to Africans and persons of the Immigrant Races.

All the East African countries have large plans of development which are likely to increase with time in scope and variety. These will require increased man power, enterprise, initiative and finance.

NO ILL-FEELING TOWARDS INDIANS.

Africans are becoming politically conscious, especially in Uganda and Kenya, and are naturally suspicious of outside influence. There is some economic conflict between Africans and Indians, particularly in the sphere of petty trade in Kenya. We have, however, been unable to find any marked ill-feeling between Africans and Indians as a whole. On the other hand we came across numerous expressions of African goodwill towards Indians, while politically the two races have worked in co-operation to fight against their common disabilities. Several Indian leaders have told us that they will welcome the day when Africans are able to rule their own country. In any case, should further restrictions come into force, Africans would wish them to apply to Europeans and Asiatics alike without differentiation in law practice.

The present Immigration Bills, although non-discriminatory and non-racial in form, will in practice adversely affect Indians' immigration much more than the immigration of Europeans. In fact they will have the effect of almost closing the door to the further entrance of Indians. We have been assured that the purpose of the Bills is not to discriminate against Indians. But having regard to the past history of immigration restrictions and to the present utterances by persons in authority and by non-official Europeans, we think that the apprehensions entertained by Indians have sufficient foundation."

The Delegation says that the Immigration Bills seem to have been introduced in a hurry. The provisions of the Bills are extremely defective. Such a defective measure should preferably be withdrawn.

"We hope", says the Delegation, "that full weight will be given by the Government of East Africa to the considerations that have been put forward by us against the Bills. This is all the more necessary, in view of the assurances given to us by these Governments that they do not desire to discriminate unfairly against Indians".

American Ship Leaves Dairen

Sequel To "Verbal Ultimatum" From Soviet Military Officials

MANCHURIA, Dec. 23. (Reuter): The United States naval landing craft "L C 3—1090" sailed from the Port of Dairen today after receiving a verbal ultimatum from Russian military officials that "unless you leave within 20 minutes we will not be responsible for the consequences".

The message was delivered to the ship by a Red Army Major who said he was the personal representative of General V. W. Korzkhanoff, the Russian military Commander in Dairen, who was stated to have refused to see the American Consul-General.

Earlier Major-General Korzkhanoff had flatly refused to allow an American businessman with full clearance from the United States authorities to disembark from the ship. He also denied permission to land to two correspondents representing the combined press.

The ship arrived at Dairen on the afternoon of December 18 and asked permission to remain in the port for 48 hours. The request was accepted without comment by Russian authorities who met the ship at anchorage. The vessel remained in the harbour two additional hours while the United States Counsul-General, Mr. H. Merrill Benninghoff, made a last-minute appeal to the Russian authorities for permission for the businessman to disembark.

At this point General Korzjhanoff's ultimatum was delivered by one of his military aides, a Red Army Major.

WASHINGTON: The United States State Department refused to comment today on reports from the Manchurian Port of Dairen. The Department said that it had not heard of the alleged "ultimatum".

An A.P.A. report from Dairen said:

Russian troops have occupied Dairen since the Japanese surrender. Although the Sino-Russian treaty of 1945 required its designation as a free port under Chinese administration, Soviet forces are still in control of the city.

The vessel is on its second routine courier mission carrying diplomatic mail and supplies to the United States Consulate at Dairen.

The vessel, a small landing craft, carried a crew of 26 and five officers. All the ship's armament was removed before the Dairen trip.

LATEST EARTHQUAKE CASUALTIES

British Forces Not Affected: Pope's Sympathy

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (Reuter): The Japanese Home Ministry gives the following latest estimates of casualties in the earthquake which shook the wide area of Southern Japan on December 21: Dead 1,026, Missing 145, Injured 1,035, Homeless more than 100,000.

No tremors have been reported since last night's severe shock in Shikoki island.

British troops were today trying to help refugees.

A Tokyo Despatch broadcast by the New York radio here states that Japanese newspapers place the earthquake toll of dead and missing at 1117. This is 117 more than the figure given earlier by the American authorities in Japan. The radio stated that the total has been boosted by fresh reports from Kochi, a badly affected town in the island of Shihkoku.

Every detachment of the British occupation forces in Japan has been contacted and it is known that the Japanese earthquake caused no casualties among British troops, except for an occasional bruise or a cut finger.

The Pope has arranged for funds to be made available for relief of casualties and those made homeless by the earthquake, the Vatican radio said today.

The Pope has conveyed to the Japanese authorities his deep sympathy with the bereaved, the radio added.

BURMESE DELEGATION FOR LONDON

RANGOON, Dec. 23, (A. P. I.): The anti-Fascist People Freedom League, decided to accept the British Government's invitation to send an Executive Council Delegation for consultations to London.

The Party's representatives U. Aung San, Thakin Mya and U. Ba Pe are expected to leave Rangoon on January 6. The decision of the other parties is not yet announced.

FUTURE OF HON. MAGISTRATES

BOMBAY, Monday.

There was an uproar at the Annual Meeting of the Hon. Magistrates' Society held at Electric House this evening following certain observations made by Major Sohrab R. Bamji, President of the Society, against Mr. Oscar Brown, the Chief Presidency Magistrate of Bombay. Mr. Bamji alleged that the Chief Presidency Magistrate had always taken up a recalcitrant attitude towards the office-bearers of the Society. He had always refused to consult the Society while assigning riot duties, and had even gone to the length of interfering with other functions meant to promote the welfare of the Society. Mr. Bamji further complained that Mr. Brown had called their Society "a club whose members knew nothing but arranging tea parties".

As Mr. Oscar Brown was present at the meeting, a member asked whether he had come there by special invitation. Mr. Bamji replied that he was an honorary member of the Society and as such had a right to be present.

As soon as Major Bamji had finished there was a storm of protest against the allegations made by him.

Major Engineer told the audience that it was his experience that the Chief had always acted with a sense of responsibility during the difficult period of the riot, and had always taken the help of those members of the Society who were willing to do some work.

Sir Jehangir Bomanbehram hoped that the remarks made by Major Bamji would not go on record. The Chief was always ready to be helpful to the Society, and they could not therefore allow those remarks against him.

At this stage there was a storm of protests against Major Bamji and he was called upon to withdraw the remarks. The sense of the House was taken and as no one was there to support Mr. Bamji, the allegations were declared as withdrawn, and the tumult subsided.

At this stage Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Member who was to address the Society, arrived and was heartily welcomed by the members.

Addressing the members of the Society Mr. Desai said that it was not necessary for him to tell them what he thought of them. They were doing honorary public work, and Government was obliged to them for it. As regards their future, he thought it was as brilliant as that of the country.

Their institution, said the Home Minister, was old and useful. It had been continually rendering public service. Unfortunately the politically dependent position of the country had vitiated the atmosphere with the results that doubts were created in many minds regarding the value and the status of the Honorary Magistrate. In the past appointments were often made arbitrarily and sometimes in a patronising manner. This resulted in their unpopularity in the country. A lot of public criticism about them was wrong; but a part of it was justified also. However this should not worry those who worked with pure and selfless motives.

Continuing Mr. Desai said that after examining various aspects of their work Government had decided that in future all the Magisterial work should be done by the stipendiary Magistrates only. In other fields however the Hon. Magistrates would continue to do the same work that they are doing now.

Referring to the work done by the Hon. Magistrates during the recent riots the Home Minister said, "You have rendered very useful service during the disturbances in the city, and I would be failing in my duty if I do not express my gratitude to you for it. I hope you will continue to render the same services in future with greater vigour and enthusiasm".

Concluding the Home Minister said: "In future the post of Hon. Magistrate will be only for those persons who are prepared to render every item of the service which is attached to this post, so that only those who had a keen sense of public service and were willing to work cheerfully and with purer motives should alone come out to accept it".

Science And Humanity

SANGLI, Dec. 23, (A. P. I.): "We must regard science as a living and growing entity and must find out the human touch in its study", said Sir C. V. Raman, speaking at a college function here.

He added, "We must develop humanitarian tendency in the pursuit of knowledge and endeavour to develop creative activities in science. The study of science is not merely a matter of intellect, but it is also a matter of character. The habit of honesty and truth are the most essential features of the study of science".

Smuts' Claim Refuted

LONDON, Dec. 23, (Reuter): The inhabitants of South-West Africa were never consulted on the true issues when the South African Government took a plebiscite to ascertain their views on whether South-West Africa should be incorporated in the Union of South Africa, says a letter to the London "Times" today from the Secretary of the Fabian Colonial Bureau. A section of the socialist Fabian Society which interests itself in Colonial affairs.

The Degree of Ph.D has been conferred by the Bombay University upon Prof. G. V. Devasthali M.A., S.T. Professor of Sanskrit H. P. T. College, Nasik for his thesis 'Mimamnsa, the Vakya-Sastra of Ancient India.

A Correction

Sir,—With reference to the photograph of myself and Mr. Shantilal Mangaldas appearing in your Saturday's issue, I wish to point out that the caption underneath the picture is incorrect in as much as our delegation like delegations from other countries, was a tripartite one and as such there was no single leader of the Indian Delegation. It would, therefore, be incorrect to describe me as the Head of the Indian Delegation.

N. H. TATA.

NEHRU INVITED TO INAUGURATE

20th Session Of Federation Of Indian Chambers

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23. (A.P.I.): The Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry which met under the chairmanship of Lala Gurucharan Lal decided to invite Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Vice-President of the Interim Government, to inaugurate the 20th annual session of the Federation which would be held in New Delhi on March third and fourth, 1947.

The Committee decided to represent to Government that in the allotment of new cement plants, preference should be given to Indian firms.

The Committee considered the report submitted by their Secretary Mr. D. G. Mulherkar, regarding the work done at the preparatory committee meeting of the International Conference on Trade and Employment, and decided that member bodies should be asked to communicate their views to Government by 31st December 1946, in respect of tariff concessions which the Government of India should seek to secure from other Governments in respect of Indian exports.

The Committee put on record their appreciation of the work done by the Indian Delegation at the preparatory conference.

With regard to the reported marriage of passengers on internal air routes by the British Overseas Air Corporation, the Committee decided to address Government in the matter.

It was further decided to represent to the Government of India in regard to Government's action in assessing foreign incomes in Burma, Malaya, and the Far East in respect of the years 1941-42 and 1945-46.

The meeting was attended by Mr. G. D. Birla, Sir Shri Ram, Mr. Mohamed Hussein Hasham Premji, Mr. J. C. Setalvad, Mr. K. D. Jalan, Mr. Ramdeo A. Podar, Mr Satya Paul Virmani, Mr. H. P. Bagaria, Mr. Lalji Mehrotra, and Mr Lakshmi Narsu.

ACHARYA NARENDRA DEV IN CITY

Acharya Narendra Deo, the Ex-member of Congress Working Committee and founder of Congress Socialist Party came to Bombay quietly in the last week and arranged to put up at Janki Kutir at Juhu (Dahanukar's snack). He has been advised by his doctor to stay at Seabeach and take complete rest for at least three weeks and Acharyaji is following the instruction literally. His only public activity during the week was to attend the annual meeting of the Congress Socialist Party. He is to stay here for two weeks more but is avoiding public functions etc. Persons willing to see him should obtain previous appointments and then can see him without bothering him much.

Acharya Deoji was invited to tea by Seth Pranjiwan Madhabji on Sunday the 22nd inst. in which Shri Dinkar Rao Desai, the Hon'ble Minister for Legal and Civil supplies department Bombay Govt., Mrs. Violet Alwa of Forum, Kaka Saheb Dwarkanath Harkare of Asia, Dr. Lakdawala and others joined. Acharyaji and Hon'ble Minister had a half-an-hour talk about Art, Literature and Politics and appeared to have agreed on all points.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"I believe we have entered the first stage of establishing concord and harmony between the great powers."
—Mr. Ernest Bevin.

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According to a New Delhi report, it is confidently expected that of the States representatives to the Constituent Assembly 50 per cent would be popularly elected non-officials.

We protest. It would be a negation of the fundamental right of Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer's Divine Right of Kings to be inviolable and indivisible.

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Addressing a meeting of party members in Bombay, Sardar Sardul Singh Caveeshar, President of the All-India Forward Bloc, asked people to be in complete readiness for the final call, for, "the time was ripe for the revolutionary capture of power."

And yet here you all are wondering and worrying in amazingly blissful ignorance of the situation around you.

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The Congress Working Committee complain that for some time past the attitude of the British Government and their representatives in India has been such as to add to the difficulties and complexities of the situation in India.

They ought to take it as a gratifying certificate to the success of their work.

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The Working Committee also draws attention to the fact that Mr. Jinnah and League spokesman have been persistently talking of Pakistan which is an infringement of the very basis principle of the State Paper.

We suggest that the British Government and their representatives in India turn the tables on the Working Committee and complain that Congress is now adding to the difficulties and complexities of the situation in India.

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A vernacular League daily of Bengal has discovered two outspokenly anti-Congress—rather too outspoken to be true—Naga "leaders" as declaring: "We believe that we have a mission in this world to fulfil, which can only be done by remaining separate from the rest of India."

Good heavens!

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The Sind Government will commence nationalisation of electricity from January 1, 1947.

—Karachi report.

It is not yet known whether the Sind Government plans to commence nationalisation of land from January 1, or December 31, 2047.

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Reporting the endorsement of Mr. Jinnah's Pakistan by Hussein Heikal Pasha, head of the Egyptian Constitutional Party, the American United Press explains that "the Constitutional Liberals is the second largest parliamentary party in Egypt."

And therefore the fourth largest political party in the country. You follow without any further clarification? Good.

Expansion Programme For Indian Railways

STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE SANCTIONS 50 CRORES SCHEMES

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23, (API): The Railway Standing Finance Committee at a three-day Session here under the Chairmanship of Mr. Asaf Ali, Member for Transport approved a programme of Capital, Betterment Fund and Depreciation Fund expenditure for 1947-48 of Rs Fifty crores, of which Twenty-Nine Crores were for open line works, Fourteen Crores for rolling stock, Two and a Half Crores for New Construction, restorations and purchases of Branch Lines, One and a Half Crores for investment in Road Services, and the balance for machinery etc. Of the expenditure on open line works about Eleven Crores are on new works and the balance about equally divided between works in progress and track renewals.

LOCOMOTIVES IN 1950

The most important work approved by the committee is the construction of a locomotive workshop at Kanchrapara at a cost of Eleven and a Half Crores, designed to manufacture 120 complete locomotives and 50 boilers each year. The work is so programmed that the first Locomotive should be completed by December 1950. The outlay on this project in 1947-48 is expected to be about Five and a Half Crores. Other important works approved by the Committee are the regirdering of several bridges and rebuilding abutments and piers of bridges on the Broad Gauge system of the B. B. and C. I. Railway, the provision of a high level bridge over the Mahi river on the B. B and C. I. Railway, and the remodelling of the Coimbatore and Tuticorin stations.

RAILWAY EARNINGS AND EXPENDITURE

The total approximate gross earnings of all budget lines from April 1 to Nov. 30, 1946 amounted to 132.98 Crores, which is 14.57 Crores less than the actuals for the corresponding period of the previous year. The total approximate ordinary working expense including suspense but excluding appropriation to and from Depreciation of all budget lines from April 1 to Oct. 31, 1946 amounted to 79.04 Crores which is 9.03 Crores more than the actuals of the corresponding period of the previous year.

Kirti Mandir At Porbandar In Honour Of Mahatma

A public meeting was held in the Town Hall, Porbandar, on Dec. 17, 1946, to consider a proposal for erecting an edifice at the birth place of Mahatma Gandhi in Porbandar to commemorate and perpetuate his great achievements.

H. E. the Maharaja of Porbandar inaugurating the meeting remarked that no words of admiration but only reverence in silence could be an adequate tribute. It is well known, his Highness added, that Mahatma Gandhi's father and grandfather were connected with the State as Dewans, but it was not perhaps known to many that his great-grandfather was also in the Porbundar State service.

His Highness extended his wholehearted blessings to the noble plan of erecting at Porbandar the Kirti Mandir to perpetuate the achievements of Mahatmaji and congratulated Sheth Nanjibhai Kalidas Mehta for the handsome donation of 2-1/2 lacs of rupees for the purpose.

In his opening speech Dewan Saheb observed that this was a unique occasion in the history of Porbandar.

A committee of seven citizens of Porbandar under the chairmanship of Sheth Nanji Kalidas Mehta was then appointed to work out the details of creating Mahatma Gandhi Kirti Mandir At Porbandar.

No Improvement In Indonesian Situation Since Truce

BATAVIA, December 22. (U.P.A.): The military situation in Indonesia has not shown a turn for the better since the declaration of the truce on October 14 and the initialling of the Dutch-Indonesian agreement on November 15, according to a United Press of America dispatch today.

Since December 3, the Dutch Army has been giving a daily report on the military position, whereby there were on nine fighting fronts actions involving artillery, mortars, hand grenades, machine guns, rifles, swords and spears. Since December 1, 29 Dutch troops have been reported killed in action.

In Sumatra, according to a Dutch Army spokesman, Medan is the most troublesome spot, where the irregular Indonesian army—Laskar Rajat—could not be brought to cease hostilities until the joint military mission, of which Indonesian Minister Amir Sjarifoeddin is a member, established a demkaration line after which relative calm returned.

Similarly in Padam and to a lesser extend in Palembang a demarkation line was established after shooting scrimmages in the past weeks.

CONTROL OF DARDANELLES

British Reply To Soviet: No Useful Purpose In Exchange Of Views

LONDON, Dec. 23, (Reuter): The British Government has again informed Russia that it holds the view that no further useful purpose can be served by continuing exchange of views between the Great Powers and Turkey on the question of revision of the Montreux Treaty which controls the use of the Dardanelles.

Sir Maurice Peterson, British Ambassador in Moscow, has given this verbal reply to the last Russian Note on the subject in which the Soviet Government suggested further exchange of views and said that in its view the time is not yet appropriate for the Conference of the Montreux Powers.

Britain on the other hand believes that such a Conference should be the next move.

Ten Rayon Centres For India

BANGALORE, Dec. 23, (A. P. A.): A suggestion to start rayon production in 10 different places in India has been made by the Committee appointed by the Government of India to study the question of establishing the industry in India.

Revealing this in his address to the Mysore Chamber of Commerce today, Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar, Dewan of Mysore, added that Mysore was one of the 10 suggested centres.

In view of the present difficulties in producing rayon from local bamboo pulp, he continued, production will have to depend on imported pulp for 10 years. But, he added, scientists had processed rayon from local pulp in laboratories and were now experimenting on large-scale production.

CITY MARKETS CLOSED

Stall-Holders Go On Strike Sequel To Increased Rents

BOMBAY, Monday.

Christmas shoppers, who went to different city markets to-day, had a shock in store for them. The markets were closed and they could make no purchases, except in a congested, improvised Government stall at Crawford Market.

Starting with the Crawford Market, all the city markets are closed today—the Byculla Market, and the markets at Lal Baug, Parel, Dadar, Null Bazaar and Grant Road. Fruits are not available, nor fish, nor mutton, nor beef. The vegetable section of the Byculla Market, alone is kept open.

To-day is the first day of what threatens to be an eight-day strike, which will include the whole of the festive X'mas Season and the New Year's Day.

The Bombay Municipality has opened one stall in Crawford Market in order to keep the city supplied with its daily quota. But the congestion here is too great, for one stall to manage.

INDIAN HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION

(From A Correspondent.)

INDORE, Dec. 23.

On a request from the managing body of the Indian Historical Records Commission, the following persons will deliver public lectures on the subject noted against each of them during the session of the Commission:—

(1) Dr. R. C. Majumdar, 'Greater India'. (2.) Dewan Bahadur C. S. Srinivasachari "Marathas in South India'. (3) Rev. Father H. Heras, S. J., 'The Western Migration and proto-Indians'. (4) Prof. K. A. Nilkants Sastri, 'Dharmashastra and Artha-(Shastra'.

Anthony Brooke Can Go To Malaya

SINGAPORE, Dec. 23, (Reuter): It has been officially announced here that Mr. Anthony Brooke, former Rajah Muda and nephew of the former Raiah of Sarawak, will be allowed unconditional entry into Singapore and the Malayan Union.

The announcement adds: "this does not affect in any way the decision to exclude him from Sarawak."

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Federation To Replace Malayan Union

Test For Citizenship Rights Not To Impair Status Of British Subjects In Settlement

SINGAPORE, Dec. 23 (Reuter): A Federation of Malaya embracing all the nine Malay States with reserved power to admit any other territory within the federation and with a High Commissioner in the place of the present Governor are among the proposals published today for the future constitution of Malaya.

The proposals were drawn up by a Working Committee consisting of representatives of the Government of Malay rulers and the united Malay national organisation. The Committee suggest that "A Federation of Malaya" to replace the Malayan Union should be established by a federation agreement between the Crown and Malay rulers after the conclusion of individual state agreements. The State agreements with each ruler should supercede all previous agreements and restore the internal sovereignty of the rulers in the respective states. State agreements and the Federation Agreement will expressly reserve the Crown's jurisdiction to regulate all defence matters and external affairs of Malay States and maintain intact the power of advising the rulers on all matters of Government other than those relating to Muslim religion and Malay custom.

The Committee recommended a federal Legislative Council with an unofficial majority and consisting of the High Commissioner as the President, three ex-officio members, eleven official members and 34 unofficial members.

The committee did not consider it possible to recommend that unofficial members should be chosen by election immediately, but recommended that provision should be made for election of members as soon as practicable.

The committee feel that allocation of unofficial seats made mainly on non-racial basis, would be likely to give racial representation as follows: Malays nine, Chinese six, Europeans three, Indians two, Eurasians one, from any community two.

The form of citizenship proposed under the new constitution is not a nationality and will not impair the status of the British subjects in the Settlements. The form of citizenship recommended is in addition to—not subtraction from—nationality and will be the qualification for electoral rights, for membership of councils and for employment in Government service and will confer other privileges and impose obligations.

Automatic acquisition of federal citizenship will devolve on subjects of a ruler of any of the nine states, on any British subject born in the Settlements of Penang or Malaya or any of the nine Malay States, who have completed a continuous period 15 years residence or any children of parents who qualify under the above rules.

The High Commissioner may grant a certificate conferring the status of federal citizen on any person born in the territories of the federation and who has been a resident not less than 15 out of 20 years immediately preceding the application. An applicant must satisfy the High Commissioner that he has adequate knowledge of Malay or English, must make a declaration of permanent settlement in the federation and must be prepared to take the citizenship oath which requires that a person taking it shall be a "true and faithful citizen of the Federation of Malaya."

STERLING BALANCES

Preliminary Negotiations To Begin In January

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (A.P.I.): Preliminary Discussion on Sterling Balances will begin in Delhi about the Middle of January next year, when a delegation from the U. K. will visit India for the purpose.

Simultaneous announcements have been made in this matter by the British Treasury in London and the Government of India at Delhi.

In announcing this a press communique issued tonight says:—

"The question of opening negotiations for the settlement of the Sterling Balances acquired by India has been under the consideration of the Government of India and His Majesty's Governmnt for some time. It is considered that these negotiations would be facilitated and expedited if they are preceded by preliminary talks between officers of the Treasury and the Bank of England on the one hand, and those of the Finance Department and Reserve Bank on the other. With a view to studying issues and important technical problems inherent in the situation and exploring lines on which the views of the two Governments could best be harmonised and the most suitable procedure for the purpose, a delegation from the United Kingdom is arriving in Delhi."

"The delegation will consist of Sir Wilfred Eady of the Treasury, head of the British Economic and Financial Mission which visited Argentina last summer and Mr. C. F. Cobbold, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England. They will be in India about the middle of January 1947. Arrangements will then be made for such further discussions as are necessary.

'Sir Wilfred Eady and Mr. Cobbold will be accompanied by Mr. Anderson of the India Office, Mr. J. Nasmyth of the Treasury, Mr. P. S. Beale of the Bank of England and their personal secretaries."

It is presumed that the decision to make a start with the negotiations was taken during the recent visit to London of the Finance Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan.

Residential Accommodation For Employees

BOMBAY GOVT. TO GIVE LEAD TO EMPLOYERS

BOMBAY, Dec. 22, (APD): The Government of Bombay proposes to issue instructions to managements of industrial establishments in the City and urban areas in the province, to help to relieve the acute shortage of housing accommodation. These establishments will be asked to provide residential accommodation to their employees.

The Government might itself take a lead in the matter by providing its employees with quarters. The preliminaries in this direction which commenced a few days ago with the appointment of a Housing Board are being speeded up and the Government is now collecting statistical data to assess the requirements of its staff in Bombay. It is believed that provision of accommodation to Government staff will considerably ease the situation with regard to middle class housing problem in the city.

While it is not possible for the Government to take up building of houses to accommodate the homeless as a whole, the Government, it is understood, is considering certain workable schemes to meet the immediate situation. It is proposed to encourage and subsidise all private house-building enterprises, preference being given, however, to those who intend to construct tenements for the working class. It is learnt that about one hundred applications for the construction of working class tenements have already been entertained by the Government, and the necessary building material is being released for the purpose.

A number of wartime hutments are being released by the military authorities, and alterations are being made to suit the convenience of family life.

As a long range plan, the Government is considering the question of providing facilities for the construction by private agencies and individuals of modern types of house and flats to fit in with the further development of the city on planned lines.

French Assembly Passes Blum's Economy Budget

50,000 CIVIL SERVANTS TO BE DISMISSED:

PARIS, December 22. (Reuter): A finance law embodying the French Government's proposals for revenue for the first three months of next year totalling 137,000,000,000 francs (about 285,400,000 sterling) was passed by the National Assembly today by 530 votes to 60.

This followed the adoption yesterday by the Assembly of the Budget Bill sanctioning expenditure on ordinary budget of 135,000,000,000 francs (about 281,250,000 sterling). Tomorrow a vote will be taken on military credits for the next three months. In view of the situation in Indo-China, economies originally proposed may meet with opposition in different parts of the Assembly.

The Assembly must also still vote on the so-called extraordinary budget which provides for state expenditure on reconstruction and compensation for war damage. All this must be done in time to allow the complete finance law to be printed in the Official Gazette and at least one copy delivered to the Council of the Republic—the net upper chamber—before it holds its inaugural session at 3 P. M. on Tuesday. At that moment the new constitution enters into force.

If the "economy" budget of M. Leon Blum's new Government were not in force in due form before this moment it would have to be submitted to the new upper house.

Mr. Andre Philip Finance Minister said today that with a balanced ordinary budget, circumstances were now favourable for the reduction of price levels, but at the same time the country must be prepared for sacrifices and must not be under any illusion. Merely to return to pre-war production level would not ensure a pre-war standard of living because more current production must be diverted to replacing and improving worn out machinery and other capital assets, he added.

M. Philip said that three problems must be satisfactorily settled if the process of reconstruction and financial stability were to be maintained. They were one, supply of coal from the Ruhr, two, use by France of German prisoners of war; three, increased exports.

M. Paul Reynaud, Prime Minister of the last French Government before Marshal Petain brought the Vichy regime to power, gave a warning during the budget debate that the demand for higher wages was threatening to undermine M. Philip's expectations.

Economy Measures

PARIS, Dec. 23, (Reuter): The Far-reaching economy measures so far voted in the French Austerity Budget covering the next three months include the dismissal of some 50,000 temporary civil servants and suppression of commodity subsidies except those for bread, milk and certain imports including coal. This means, according to experts, saving some 50,000,000,000 Francs. On the three months Military Budget which comes up for discussion today outs of 100,000,000,000 Francs have been proposed, but the situation in Indo-China may modify this.

For the whole of 1947, the French Government aims at a balanced ordinary budget of 500,000,000,000 Francs to be financed out of the revenue and an extraordinary budget for a similar amount to be financed from loans.

The revenue side of the three months budget totalling 137,000,000,000 Francs was passed by the National Assembly, yesterday, by 530 votes against 60. The expenditure side involving 135,000,000,000 Francs was adopted by the Assembly on Saturday.

STATE OF SIEGE IN INDO-CHINA

(Continued from Page 1.)

had been systematically burned by the withdrawing Annamites. It was retaken on Saturday.

Operations were undertaken this morning against the old block-house of the Indo-Chinese guard in Hanoi which was transformed into a strong point by Viet Nam troops. The A.F.P. said it was being blasted by mortars and started by Spitfires.

French planes were reported to be spotting and destroying Viet Nam artillery positions outside Hanoi which were bombarding the city. The Annamites were said to be using principally old French 75's which had been taken from the French by the Japanese.

Theyyersin Hospital in Hanoi was retaken without opposition on Saturday, the report said.

The A.F.P. quoted official French circles as stating that bodies of Japanese soldiers had been found among the slain defenders of the residence of Ho Chi-minh when it was occupied by French troops.

HIGH COMMISSIONER ARRIVES

The A.F.P. also reported from Saigon, the arrival on Monday morning in Indo-China of Admiral Thierry d'Argenlieu, French High Commissioner for Indo-China.

D'Argenlieu arrived by plane from Paris where he had conferred urgently with Premier Leon Blum and high Government officials on measures to deal with the Indo-Chinese crisis caused by the new flare-up of fighting between insurgent Viet Nam forces and French troops.

He refused to make any statement on his arrival at the Saigon airport.

The High Commissioner will be joined here soon by French Colonial Minister Marius Moutet, who left Paris last night by plane.

ARSON AND LOOTING

Associated Press of America correspondent Michel Moutschen cabled "I have been totally looted and the house where I lived has been burned out. Otherwise O. K."

The looting and burning of French houses were also reported at Hue, the Annam capital. Near Hai Duong, midway between Hanoi and Haiphong, the Vietnamese destroyed a bridge. Both the railway and the highway linking Hanoi with the important port of Haiphong have been cut at several places.

Stiff fighting was reported around the hospital in Hanoi where five French medical men were said to have been killed.

The Hanoi headquarters of General Louis Morliere, the French Commander of Tonking, declared it had been clearly established that the Vietnamese attack was premeditated, starting with a heavy artillery and mortar barrage on Thursday night.

HOW TROUBLE STARTED.

It said that two days before the attack Vietnamese liaison officers tried to learn whether French troops would be confined to quarters.

General Morliere made his decision to confine French troops only three hours before the shooting started. A headquarters spokesman said that the decision, taken on intelligence reports of imminent trouble, prevented the general massacre of disarmed French servicemen in the town.

General Morliere's headquarters made public the last letters exchanged between French and Vietnamese officials on the afternoon of December 19, a few hours before the Vietnamese attack.

HOCHI'S LETTER.

The Vietnam president, Hochi Minh, wrote to the French Commissioner, Jean Sainteney: "M. Commissaire and dear friend: The atmosphere is becoming more and more tense. It is very regrettable. While awaiting the Paris decision, I rely on you, with the under-secretary, Giam, to find a solution to ameliorate this mood. Best regards and please transmit to Mme. Sainteney my respect and homage."

Hoang Hu Nam, Vietnamese Acting Under-Secretary for War, sent a reply to General Morliere on the French General's proposals for easing the situation, including a recommendation that Vietnamese street barricades be cleared. Nam's message said: "The War Minister will submit your suggestions at the weekly Ministers' Council that will be held to-morrow, December 20. He gave orders to avoid all misunderstanding and hopes that you did the same on your side."

French Headquarters said that General Morliere received Nam's letter at 6-15 p.m. (local time). The Vietnamese attack started at 8 p.m.

BATTLE FOR RUE COTTON

French armoured units and infantry forces were battling for possession of Rue Cotton, main thoroughfare of the Indo-Chinese area of the 'Tonkinese capital, Hanoi. French troops were reported as "advancing" down the Boulevard Gambett to the south of the downtown area.

Battles were also reported in progress around the City Hall and main post office where the French launched what they described as "disengaging operations."

At the same time, the French police swooped down and arrested "numerous Vietnamese personages" whom they charged with having belonged to the "Tran Trong Kim"—the government set up by the Japanese in March 1945.

French despatches from Hanoi, after reporting the latest measures and arrests, added "French authorities have formally forbidden the undertaking of summary executions." They said that security forces had orders to distinguish between the mass of the population and Vietnam militants.

The French admitted that they had no information on the location of the secret Vietnam Government headquarters and that the Vietnam radio was continuing to broadcast. They were working on the theory that the Indo-Chinese nationalists had a mobile radio station.

Another Saigon despatch reported the suspension of one Saigon paper for publishing tendentious articles and the seizure of all issues of another paper carrying an appeal to arms made by the Vietnamese in Hanoi.

Marius Moutet, French Minister for Overseas territories, arrived in Cairo, en route to French Indo-China.

Meanwhile, a curfew proclamation in Cochin-China claimed by the Vietnam Republic, along with Annam and Tonkin, announced the possibility of a Vietnam attack in Cochin-China.

The proclamation, issued at Saigon by the French Commissioner and the autonomous Cochin-Chinese Government accused the Vietnamese Government of being a puppet regime.

HANOI WITHOUT WATER.

Quoting French official circles, the French news agency said to-day that bodies of Japanese were identified among the guards killed defending Vietnam President Ho Chi Minh's residence in Hanoi, which was stormed by French troops on December 18.

Fighting was reported to be going on in Hanoi where the Vietnamese were said to be in control of the south-eastern part of the city, the city hall and the Indo-Chinese quarter.'

Hanoi was described as still without electricity and water, although French engineers were trying to restore the damaged power plant.

The French authorities have started the publication of an information bulletin for the population and were also broadcasting reports on the situation over a provisional transmitter.

Six Killed In City

Police Fire Two Rounds

BOMBAY, Dec. 23, (API): A press note issued by the Director of Publicity late tonight says, "including four of the morning nineteen persons were wounded by knife on Monday.

The incidents occurred at Agripada Dongri, Pydhoni, Nagpada, Byculla, Phalton Road, Sewri and Reay Road areas, and six of them proved fatal.

"The police fired two rounds in the incident in Reay Road Area. One person was injured in the firing.

In all 35 persons have been rounded up in connection with the stabbings in Dongri, Pydhoni, and Nagpada areas."

FURTHER RELAXED

PATNA, Dec. 22, (A.P.I.): The curfew hours in Patna have been further relaxed from today and will be imposed between 11 p. m. to 5 a. m. instead of from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

41 Arrested In 2 Days For Stone Throwing, Etc.,

BOMBAY, Monday.

Forty-one persons were arrested by the Police in the city during the last two days for stone-throwing, possession of knives and stabbing.

Of the arrested persons, one was arrested by the Lamington Road Police for possession of a sword.

All the arrested persons were produced before Mr. J. M. Barot, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court, when they were allowed bail to-day.

NEWS IN BRIEF

SUGAR FACTORY FOR MYSORE.

Negotiations are being carried in with the Government of India by the Mysore Government for starting a Sugar Factory in Shimoga District. The Government of India, in this connection, had called for proposals which have been sent by the Mysore Government and their reply is awaited.

EXODUS IS NO GOOD.

PATNA, Dec. 23. (A.P.I.): Mr. S. Moinullah, a former secretary of the Provincial Muslim League, in the course of a statement deprecates the exodus of the Muslims of Bihar to Bengal and other provinces.

JINNAH 71 TO-MORROW.

A programme of illuminations and flag-hoisting, ending in a public meeting has been chalked out by the Bombay Provincial Muslim League to celebrate the Seventy-first birthday of Mr. M. A. Jinnah on Dec. 25.

FIVE LAKHS GRANT FOR TWO UNIVERSITIES.

LUCKNOW, Dec. 23. (A.P.I.): The Government of India have sanctioned a sum of Rupees five lakhs for the development of the Libraries and Laboratories of the University of Lucknow and Allahabad.

KANNADA BROADCASTS.

HUBLI, Dec. 23. (A.P.I.): A deputation headed by Mr. S. Sijalingappa President Karnataka Provincial Congress Committee met recently Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, member for Home Affairs, Information and Broadcasting in the Interim Government and urged the necessity of introducing Kannada news broadcasts from Madras and Bombay stations of the A.I.R.

AYURVEDIC CONFERENCE.

HUBLI, Dec. 23. (A.P.I.): The Reception Committee of the 15th Nikhil Karnataka Ayurveda Sammelsna has decided to hold the conference on the 8th and 9th of January at Gadag. Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Minister for Health, Government of Bombay has consented to inaugurate the same. Mrs. Dr. Sumatikai Taranath of Prema Medical Institute of Tungabhadra will preside.

COLLECTIVE FINES INVALID.

DACCA, Dec. 23. (A.P.I.): On Criminal Revision Petitions moved on behalf of Mr. Bepin Behari Das and nine others, the Sessions Judge of Dacca, Mr. S. K. Sen, I.C.S., passed order to-day staying realisation of the collective fines imposed on them in different areas in the city. The judge also called for records, issued notice to the Crown and fixed January 24 next for hearing of the petitions.

The petitioners submitted that collective fines imposed on them under Ordinance 20 of 1942 were invalid and inoperative.

POLICEMEN'S HOUSES SEARCHED!

KOLHAPUR, Dec. 23. (A.P.I.): The Kolhapur police to-day searched the residences of two retired policemen and took them into custody in connection with the activities of the newly formed Police Association. Nothing objectionable was found in their houses.

The police also searched the office of Nava Jeevan Sanghatna, whose workers guide the activities of the Police Association.

"USE YOUR PEN FOR PEACE"

LUCKNOW, Dec. 23. (A.P.I.): An appeal to poets and artists to wield their pen for inspiring the people to maintain a United Front in the country was made by Babu Sampurnanand, Minister for Education inaugurating a "Communal harmony Kavi Sammelan" in the Kaisarbagh Baraari on Sunday night.

U. P. RATIONING SCHEME.

LUCKNOW, Dec. 23. (A.P.I.): About two crore ration cards are being prepared by the Provincial Government in its efforts to extend the austerity provisioning scheme to the rural areas in the Province.

The cloth rationing scheme would involve the supply of cloth at 11.5 yards Per Capita per year to a rural population of Fifty-Five Millions in the Province. Every individual in the Province will get a ration card. The Government have allotted a quota of 250 tons of paper for printing the ration cards.

OIL AND SOAP EXPANSION.

MADRAS, Dec. 23. (A.P.I.): The final report regarding the expansion of Oils and Soap Industries during the next five years has been submitted to the Government of India by the Panel appointed to report on this question.

FRONTIER GETS MORE CLOTH.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): It is understood the Government of India have made a special quota of twelve million yards of cloth to the North-West Frontier Province. This allotment is over and above the normal provincial quota.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23 (API).—The Government of Bengal have disallowed the carrying of full-sized 'Kirpans' by the Sikhs of Calcutta on the occasion of their Guru Govind Singh Birth anniversary procession on December 27.

BELGAUM, Dec. 22, (API): The Goa National Congress will be shortly opening five non-profit, non-rationed grain seed shops on the borders of Goa in British territory for the benefit of cultivators in Goa.

D. F. Karaka:

Off My Chest

In yesterday's "Bombay Chronicle" the following Matrimonial advertisement:

Wanted match for Maharashtrian Girl Hindu, 26 years, virgin, noble family. Teacher, studied up to Matric No caste distinction, correspondence confidential. Apply direct and not through friends with particulars of status, etc. to Box No. 4317, "Bombay Chronicle."

Now, I am interested in advertising and in the way people advertise. So I often read advertisements in the British and American press.

Here are a few picked from "The Saturday Review" of Oct. 5th 1946. They are worth reading.

1. "YOUNG BACHELOR trying to reach age of discretion would settle down for a New York City winter, etc., with someone who is sympathetically inclined and who has a 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-or-ten room apartment to share."

2. "If you want 1001 nights of unexpurgated pleasure, you will find it in 15 volumes of Arabian Nights offered at special price of dollars 47.50"

3. "MATURE MAID invites correspondence".

4. "YOUNG AUTHOR—possessing all the frightening qualities of the perfect modern man would enjoy hearing from a Perfect Modern Woman who does not believe 'Modern Man Is Obsolete.'"

5. "YOUNG MAN, architectural student, wants to correspond with girl."

6. "MADWEST VET, young, single, invites cordial, stimulating letters from fellow aesthetes everywhere."

7. "SAY NEW ENGLAND GAL would correspond with understanding men. Sense of humour main requisite."

8. "YOUNG MAN DESIRES CORRESPONDENCE with shy young woman interested in philosophy and psychology."

9. "ENERGETIC AND VERSATILE YOUNG MAN invites correspondence with versatile girl."

10. "WOULD AN EASTERN LADY write to a western gentleman? (All India Woman's Conference Agenda, please!!)

11. "WE DARED TO GET MARRIED! Veteran and wife urgently need apartment NYC area.

12. "FUN-LOVING MISS desires correspondence with fun-loving male."

13. Not too young professional widow seeks eastern male correspondence. (Maybe, I'll have a shot.)

There is a difference in tone, style and language between the advertisement in the "Bombay Chronicle" and those reproduced above from "The Saturday Review" of the U.S.

I feel that Indian newspaper offices should have a special department to help advertisers to frame their advertisements in a manner which would make them more readable than they are now. So far the hall-mark of Indian advertising has been "MANZAN FOR PILES", which is a little too Epsteinish for my liking.

CUSTOMS BARRIER BETWEEN SAAR AND GERMANY

France Takes First Step Towards Union

PARIS, Dec. 23, (Reuter): France has set up a customs barrier between the rich industrial basin of the Saar and the rest of Germany it is officially announced here today. This was taken in London as the first step towards complete economic union with France of a territory which has been the bone of contention between her and Germany for years.

Other steps associated with the Union were said to be increased rations particularly of mutton to the Saar miners and substitution of the local Mark for the German money, pending issue of French Francs. The French foreign office said today that the chief task of the new Customs officials would be to prevent food-stuffs intended for the Saar from going to Germany and to prevent the Saar being flooded with German Marks before the currency exchange.

It is presumed that the move will be ratified by the Council of Foreign Ministers during the coming Moscow talks on Germany, as the 'big four' have already indicated that they are in favour of the present step.

LEAGUER ARRESTED

DEHRADUN, Dec. 22 (API).—Mr. Isaluddin, President of the Muslim League Mussoori, was arrested last night, under the U.P. Maintenance of Public Order Ordinance, in connection with an alleged objectionable speech delivered by him at a League meeting recently.

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DEHYDRATED VEGETABLES

The potato scarcity period has once again commenced and the public is likely to find the prices of fresh potatoes too high. Dehydrated potatoes are available to the public at all the Government Grain Shops at the rate of Re. 1-1-0 per lb. Each lb. of dehydrated potatoes is approximately equivalent to 5 lbs. of fresh potatoes when reconstituted. Therefore, the price of dehydrated potatoes per lb. of reconstituted potatoes is about Re. 0-3-6 per lb. This would compare very favourably with the price of fresh potatoes, which may be available in the market. Dehydrated cabbage and turnips are also available at all the Government Grain Shops at Re. 2-0-0 and Re. 2-0-0 per lb. respectively. It is not necessary to produce ration cards for purchasing dehydrated potatoes or the other vegetables and there is no restriction on the quantities which can be purchased.

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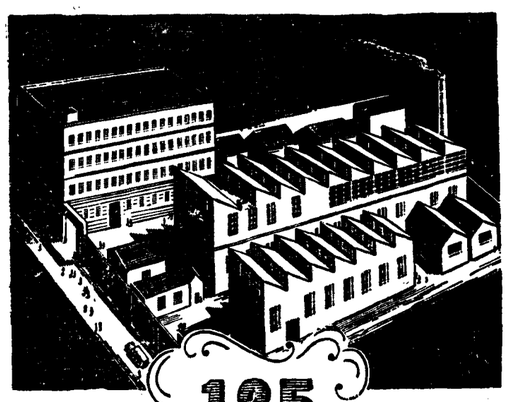

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Ranji Trophy

Bombay Batsmen Not Worried About Sind Bowling

Score 343 Runs For 7 Wickets: Ibrahim Run Out For 85

KARACHI, Dec. 23. (A.P.I.): Ideal weather prevailed when K. C. Ibrahim and B. R. Irani resumed Bombay's first innings on the second day of the Ranji Trophy Match at the Karachi Gymkhana ground today.

The resumption was sensational. Irani being dismissed by Parsram in the fourth ball of his first over without any addition to the overnight total of 8.

Modi partnered Ibrahim. With the bowlers maintaining an immaculate length on a damp pitch, the batsmen were cautious at the beginning. While Ibrahim continued to be judiciously cautious, Modi was more free. The first hundred of the innings was sent up after as many minutes' play. Quick bowling changes failed to subdue Modi who, executing delightful strokes all round the wicket, passed Ibrahim's total and then completed his individual fifty. Soon after the pair recorded the century of their partnership of the second wicket.

When the score was 115 Fazal G. Lakda succeeded in breaking the partnership when he clean bowled Modi for 53. Thereafter Ibrahim, partnered by U. M. Merchant, remained unbeaten with 55 and 7 respectively, when lunch was taken.

MERCHANT BOWLED

The attendance had increased when Ibrahim and Merchant resumed Bombay's innings after lunch to the bowling of Ram and Parsram.

Bombay lost an early wicket when Merchant was clean bowled by Ram in his first over after lunch.

Ibrahim who seemed well set for a big score, and in partnership with Rangnekar had carried the score to 150, when the new ball was taken. Parsram continuing with the new ball was taken. Parsram continuing with the new ball kept a steady length and often beat the batsmen without any luck.

Rangnekar enjoyed a life at 13, when he was dropped by Lakda on the leg side off Parsram's bowling. A double bowling change had no effect on the batsmen who, with well placed shots, scored briskly and raised the score to 190 which included a sixer by Rangnekar. Later, with a single Rangnekar sent up the second century of the innings exactly an hour after the lunch recess. Ibrahim, scoring mostly in fours, reached his 80 in a total of 210.

Rangnekar, after he had scored 43, was caught on the leg side by Parsram off Lakda when the total was 219.

A SET-BACK

Phadkar who came next saw Ibrahim run out for 85, the result of a quick return by Ram. Ibrahim, the opening batsman, played a solid innings for his 85 which included 11 fours.

Bombay suffered a set-back when they lost their third wicket after lunch when Umrigar, after he had scored a single, was bowled by Inayat Khan (221-6-1). Phadkar who was joined by Raiji, later with a 2 passed Sind's score amidst applause.

The batsmen, with fast scoring, carried the score to 250 and the Sind bowlers came in for a lot of punishment. They had raised the score to 276 without being separated when tea was taken, Phadkar (batting) 32, Raiji (batting) 24.

PLAY AFTER TEA

Bombay resumed their innings after tea with Phadkar and Raiji to the bowling of Parsram and Narotham. The batsmen taking advantage of the tired bowling, combined with fielding lapses and dropped catches scored freely and hoisted the 300 of the innings.

Phadkar who was nearing his fifty, mistimed a ball, offering an easy catch to Parsram off Minwala when his score was 45 and the seventh wicket partnership had realised 83 runs.

Raiji who was next partnered by Tarapore, executed some well placed shots and with a three reached his individual 50 which included 6 fours.

The Sind skipper rang several bowling changes to dislodge the partnership, which had little effect on the batsmen. Together they had raised the score to 343 without being separated. When the stumps were drawn for the day, Raiji (batting) 68.

Sind (First Innings): 224

BOMBAY (First Innings):

K. C. Ibrahim (run out)	85
B. R. Irani b Ram	2
R. S. Modi b Lakda	53
U. M. Merchant b Ram	7
K. M. Rangnekar c Parsram b Lakda	43
D. G. Phadkar c Parsram b Minwala	45
P. R. Umrigar b Inayat Khan	1
M. N. Raiji (batting)	68
K. K. Tarapore (batting)	4
Extras	35
Total (for 7 wickets)	343

FALL OF WICKETS: 1 for 8; 2 for 115 3 for 136; 4 for 219; 5 for 220 6 for 221 and 7 for 309.

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Bright Bowling In Delhi

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (A.P.I.): In their match against Bihar today in the All-India Schools Cricket Tournament, Bombay batting first were all out for 196 runs (Bhattia 45; Tofeeque Hussain 38; Abdulla Khan 32; Daidsingh 4 for 43; S. Chakravarty 4 for 30).

Bihar were dismissed for 26 (Dongree 6 for 5; Damnee 3 for 8.

Stumps were drawn at the conclusion of Bihar's first innings.

Innings Victory For Holkar

JAMSHEDPUR, Dec. 23 (A.P.I.): Holkar won the East Zone Ranji Trophy match with Bihar by an innings and six runs. Bihar's second innings concluded today ten minutes before lunch interval at a total of 242 runs.

Davis Cup

MELBOURNE, Dec. 23 (Reuter): John Bromwich, Australia's Number One player, meets Ted Schroeder, an unranked, in America this year because of insufficient date, in the first singles in the Davis Cup Challenge-round tie between Australia and the United States, beginning at Kodyong Court here on December 26.

Ramlal Hockey

LUCKNOW, Dec. 23 (A.P.I.): Canning College (Lucknow) and M. T. C. R. (Lucknow) playing in the second round of the All-India Dr. Ramlal Hockey Tournament this evening could not arrive at a decision, the match ending in a goalless draw.

GUJARAT OUT FOR POOR TOTAL

RAJKOT, Dec. 22 (API): In the Ranji Trophy match between Gujarat and Western India States, Gujarat were all out in their first innings for 203.

Vinoo Mankad c Vajubha b Shantilal Gandhi 10; Alimuddin run out 1; Ram Hazare b Akbarkhan 9; Prithviraj b Girdhari 35; Jyotendra Shodhan c Kishanchand b Nyalchand 42; Kesari c Devidan b Girdhari 5; Dinesh Nedh b Akbarkhan 42; Vinoo Desai c Balan b Nyalchand 13; Bhiku Patel c Abbas b Akbarkhan 33; (Jasu Patel did not bat); Guard not out 0; Extras 13; Total 203

Western India in their first innings had scored 347.

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M.C.C. Draws With New South Wales

NEW CASTLE, (New South Wales), Dec. 23 (Reuter): The two-day match between the M.C.C. and the New South Wales Country XI ended in a draw, the M.C.C. having scored 146 for the loss of six wickets in their second innings at close of play today.

SCORE BOARD

M.C.C. (First Innings) 395

NEW SOUTH WALES COUNTRY XI (First Innings)

Hinman b Pollard	46
Johnson b Voce	7
Mayes c Gibb b Langridge	22
Camps b Pollard	12
De Courcey c Hammond b Voce	30
Hill c Compton b Voce	14
Pickles c Hammond b Langridge	5
Mannix c Washbrook b Hutton	32
Sullivan b Voce	0
Felton l.b.w. Hutton 11	11
Hamilton (not out)	0
Extras	19
Total	202

FALL OF WICKETS: 1 for 19, 2 for 75, 3 for 81, 4 for 118, 5 for 142, 6 for 151, 7 for 157, 8 for 166, 9 for 195.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Voce	18	0	45	4
Pollard	15	0	62	2
Edrich	4	0	26	0
Langridge	12	2	46	2
Hutton	1.1	0	4	2

(Byes—3; Legbyes—8; Noballs—8. (Voce 2, Pollard 5 and Langridge 1).

M. C. C. (Second Innings)

Hutton b Pickles	5
Fishlock b Pickles	0
Washbrook l.b.w. Pickles	9
Hardstaff b Sullivan	16
Compton (not out)	75
Langridge l.b.w. Pickles	0
Gibb l.b.w. Sullivan	0
Hammond (not out)	30
Extras 11 (byes 5; legbyes 5, no ball—Sullivan 1)	11
Total (for six wickets)	146

FALL OF WICKETS: 1 for 7, 2 for 15, 3 for 36, 4 for 38, 5 for 39, 6 for 40.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sullivan	8	0	26	2
Pickles	9	1	29	4
Hill	4	1	18	0
Hamilton	3	0	17	0
Hinman	4	1	24	0
Mannix	2	0	21	0

Sheffield Shield Match

MELBOURNE, Dec. 23 (Reuter): Eight overs sufficed to finish the tail-end of Queensland's batsmen in the Sheffield Shield Match here today when Victoria won by an innings and 132 runs. Queensland's innings closed with 258, Mackay scoring 63. Johnston finished with bowling figures of four for 46 in 24 overs, six of which were maidens. Jinks took three for 65, Loxton 2 for 40 and Hill 2 for 42.

Br. Heavyweight Champion Challenged

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (Reuter): In an effort to prove that he is an outstanding opponent for Joe Louis in heavyweight challenge, Curtis Sheppard from Baltimore has challenged Bruce Woodcock, the British Champion and said that he would give his entire share of the purse to charity if he failed to knock out Woodcock. Sheppard is the man whom Jack Dempsey recently picked as the best opponent for Louis and he is asking the 20th Century Sporting Club and the British promoter Jack Solomons to try to arrange the bout.

INTER 'VARSITY CRICKET

Madras Makes Good Recovery

HYDERABAD, (Dn.), Dec. 22 (A. P. I.): An unbeaten century by Rao of the Nizam College (Madras University) and ninth wicket partnership between Rao and Venkataraman which realised 106 runs, were features of the first day's play in a match between the Madras University and the Osmania University in the Inter-University Cricket Tournament, which commenced on the Osmania University ground this morning.

Madras University, who batted first, lost eight wickets for 161 runs before lunch but staged a remarkable recovery and made 336 runs before the innings terminated.

Rao carried his bat for 133 runs, which included 13 fours, and batted for 165 minutes.

Osmania University at close of play made 25 runs for the loss of two wickets.

UNIVERSITY SPORTS

The following have been selected to represent the Bombay Group at the Annual Inter-Group Sports and Tournaments to be held at Sangli on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th January 1947:—

ATHLETICS:

M. Kaunds (St. X.), L. J. Creed (St. X.), O. Pinto (St. X.), S. F. Furtado (St. X.), E. Soares (St. X.), A. Sampeys (St. X), T. Le Febour (St. X.), E. D'Souza (St. X), B. G. Curzai (St. X.), R. Donald (St. X.), K. P. Tata (E. C. & R. I. S.), R. V. Divecha, (E. C. & R. I. S.), A. J. Rebello (G. S. M.), S. R. Panthakhy (Siddharth), G. Fernandes (Law).

TENNIS:

Ramesh Desai (E. C. & R. I. S.), Ramesh Parikh (E. C. & R. I. S.), M. Ghaswalla (Svdenham).

SWIMMING:

I. Mansoor (E. C. & R. I. S.). Ajit Mehta (E. C. & R. I. S.).

The Team will leave for Sangli on the 31st December. Mr. F. P. Suares, the University Sports Secretary, will accompany the Team as Manager.

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Full details giving description and condition of stores, quantity, location, etc. and the method of tendering are contained in Section MS of the Third Catalogue which is available at Re. 1/- on or about 16th December, 1946, from the addresses given below:

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Under instructions from C. R. E., Bombay, M/s. BENNETT & CO., will on SATURDAY, the 28th December, 1946, at 10-30 A. M. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction at F/8 Yard, Maude Lines, Colaba, big lots unserviceable furniture such as Almirahs, Tables, Trestles, Teapoys, Book cases, Chairs, Benches, Lockers, Cabinets, Desk, etc. Terms:—25% cash deposit.

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Under instructions from the Court Receiver, Bombay, as Receiver in Suit No. 411 of 1945 (Ahmed Kassam Basar and Ors. vs. Haji Hassan Ahmed Basar and Ors.) pursuant to the directions contained in the Consent Decree dated the 7th October, 1946, passed in the said suit, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will on THURSDAY, the 30th January, 1947 at 4 P.M. (S.T.). sell by Public Auction on the premises:—

Structures consisting of 3 buffalo stables and 1 chawl standing on and the monthly tenancy rights in all that piece of Municipal land situate at Haines Road, admeasuring about 3,653 square yards, bearing New Survey No. 1/3453, E. Ward No. 7085, Street No. 189, and bounded on the East by property formerly a Government water course and beyond that by land acquired by the Improvement Trust, on the South by the land also acquired by Improvement Trust and on the West by Haine's Road and on the North by property in the occupation of Messrs. Garlic & Co.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to M/s. Vachha & Co., Solicitors, or to the undersigned.

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Terms: 25 per cent cash deposit.

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NEWS FROM CITY MARKETS

BOMBAY COTTON

Extensive Nerious Unloading Results In Sharp Decline

Bombay, Dec. 23

The local cotton market was quiet to-day. On Saturday unfounded rumours of increase in ceiling prices pushed up January at Rs. 473 and on Sunday some business was done at Rs. 467. The rumours of increase in ceiling prices were baseless and the market opened very quiet to-day at Rs. 458 and steadied at Rs. 459.

Later on there was considerable liquidation by disappointed bulls and January declined at Rs. 454/8. At this level there was some short covering and the market steadied at Rs. 456/8

The market finally closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

I C C Jan.	457	4	0
I C C March	469	2	0
I C C May	478	4	0
I C C July	489	0	0
I C C Sept.	497	8	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian cotton January contract is 133 cent points below New York January at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY Dec. 21.

	Highest	Lowest	Closing
Jan.	463-3/8	401	463-3/8
March	476	473-1/2	476
May	485	482-1/2	485
July	495-1/2	493	495-1/2
Sept.	503	500-1/2	503

Karachi 4F Jan. 50/5/3 49/15/3 50/4/6

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY. Dec. 23.

To-day being 'Somvati Amas', the Seeds Market remain closed.

Castor-seeds May delivery opened at Rs. 115/11 and advanced at Rs. 116/8 on speculative buying.

NEW YORK SEED QUOTATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. The following were closing prices of seeds on the New York Market today:

White Pepper 50 to 55 cents per pound.

Black Pepper 55 to 60 cents per pound.

Castorseeds dol. 250 nom per long ton.

Castorseeds dol. 90 to dol. 110 per ton.

Flaxseed dol 7.25 per bushel.

Peanuts 17-1/2 to 18 cents per pound.

Linseed Oil 34.5 to 35 cents per pound.

4,000 BARS OF SILVER ARRIVING ABOARD 'TARANTIA'

LONDON, Dec. 21 (U. P. A.): A shipment consisting of 4,000 bars of silver will leave for Bombay aboard the vessel "Tarantia" which is due to sail from Liverpool on December 23rd. it was learned to-day.

GOLD & SILVER

Sharp Rise In Prices On Active Buying By Professional Bulls

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

The adoption of new contract for forward delivery also failed to stabilise the Bullion Market and once again active speculative buying by professional operators resulted in a rise of about Rs. 6 in Silver over Saturday's quotation.

It is reported that steamer which is bringing about 2,000 bars of silver for Bombay will not arrive here before Posh settlement as it sailed three days late. Bulls immediately absorbed most of the ready stock of about 2,000 bars and forced heavy short covering. There was also active buying of call options which resulted in scarcity of contracts.

If the Bullion Exchange would have adopted a system of compulsory margin against forward contracts as is the case in cotton it would have been difficult to push up prices so suddenly as was done to-day. Thus it is most essential that a system of compulsory margins be adopted as soon as possible.

Forward silver opened to-day at Rs. 145 for Posh delivery and steadied at Rs. 144. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 149. Posh Gold was quoted at Rs. 98/2 and Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 102/8.

It appears that some bulls are trying to corner the market. Posh Silver was quoted at Rs. 143/12. Ready Silver Rs. 148/4. Posh Gold after advancing at Rs. 98/12 steadied at Rs. 98/4 while Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 66.

The market finally closed as under:

Ready Silver	147	10	0
Posh Delievery	143	10	0
Ready Gold	102	0	0
Posh Delivery	98	1	0

NEW YORK SILVER MARKET EXPECTED TO REMAIN QUIET

NEW YORK, Dec. 21, (UPA).

With the consumer demand for silver having diminished in the New York market for the past few days, trade sources expect that the market will remain quiet for the rest of the year. Jewellery manufacturers and silversmiths are expected to use the rest of the year to clean-up plants, reduce their inventory and send back scrap metal.

American users paid 86 cents per ounce yesterday for small amounts of foreign silver.

Meanwhile, silver industry sources said that although retailers of silver goods are still quite busy, jewellery manufacturers and silversmiths generally have finished making silver articles for Christmas trade.

KARACHI COTTON STATISTICS

KARACHI, Dec. 21.

Reviewing the cotton trade of Karachi for the year ending 1946, the report of the Karachi Cotton Association recorded an increase of over three lakhs bales of cotton exported three lakhs of cotton exported to the Continent, China and U. S. A. in the year.

During the year Karachi received totalled 11,84,927 bales as compared with 11,22,783 bales during the previous season. Receipts form Sind declined by about 44,000 bales while those from the Punjab, Rajputana and U. P. increased by 44,000 bales, 50,000 bales and 11,000 bales respectively. As evidenced by the pressings Sind and Punjab crops were smaller to the extent of about 69,000 bales and 18,000 bales respectively. In addition to these about 26,000 bales of Egyptian and other foreign cotton were received during the season.

Shipments from Karachi totalled 13,22,000 bales as against 10,624,439 bales during 1944-45. The main increases were in shipments to the continent by about 1,15,800 bales, China by about 135,000 bales. U. S. A. by about 60,000 bales, other foreign countries by about 11,000 bales and to the Indian coastal ports by about 400 bales. United Kingdom on the other hand took less by about 65,600 bales. During the season shipments by country-craft totalled 46,876 bales as against 64,148 bales last year.

NEW BRITISH STRATEGY

Soviet Comment On Conversion Of British Mandate In U.N.O. Trusteeship In S. Africa

LONDON, December 22. (A.P.I.): Moscow radio commentator N. Baynov, broadcasting tonight said that agreements converting Britain's African mandate into a United Nations trust territories were drawn up with military considerations in mind

"The British trustee plan for the former German-African colonies and the United States trustee plan for former Japanese mandated islands both bear a common stamp, having been drawn up with an eye to military strategy."

He said British trusteeship agreements are closely linked with the plans of what is described as new British strategy in which Africa plays an important part The draft agreements for trusteeship over Tanganyika, Tooland ano Cameroons were prepared with an eye to the basic plans of the new British strategy which sets out to decentralise the power of the Commonwealth.

"The tendency to turn Africa into a new military vantage ground of British imperialism was clearly discernible in the British delegation's stand in the General Assembly's debate on South Africa's claim to South West Africa. London welcomed General Smut's effort to follow in the footsteps of Cecil Rhodes and the shade of Cecil Rhodes, the ideologist of British 19th century imperialism hovered constantly over Sir Hartley Shawcross, British delegate at the General Assembly

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th month

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th—12th month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th & 6th Months.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th—9th Month

London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 to 4th month.

London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 5th & 6th Months.

London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 7/32 7th—9th Month.

New York B. C. Rate T. T. Rs. 332 1/2.

New York Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 332 1/2,

New York Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 329 3/4.

New York Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 328 3/4 under L/C.

New York Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 328 1/2 not under L/C.

Montreal Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 333.

Montreal Banks Buying T. T. Rs 329 1/4.

Montreal Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 328 1/4.

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 3550.

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 3650.

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D Fl. 79.

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. ——

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 84

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 157 1/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 4.03 3/8-4.03 1/2.

London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/2 13/16-1/3 3/32.

London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/3 15/16-2/4 5/32.

London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 479.70-480.30.

London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4.

London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 17.34-36.

London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50.

London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36.

London/New York Cross Rate dol. 4.02 1/2 4.03 1/2.

London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 4.02-4.04.

London/Amsterdom Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70.

London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70.

London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tel. 40.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Dull.

Gold London £8-12-3.

Gold New York dol. 35.

Silver London 55 1/2.

Silver New York 55 3/4.

London Discts. 3 Months 17/32 p c.

London Discts. 6 Months 9/16-5/8 p c

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent, Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—Call 1/4 per cent, 3 Months 1/2 per cent, 6 Months 3/4 per cent, 12 Months 1 1/4 per cent.

Tone:—Steady Enquiry.

VILLAGERS PRESENT SWORD TO 'J. P.'

CAWNPORE, December 22. (A.P.I.): Jai Prakash Narain the Congress Socialist leader, arrived here today on a two-day visit. He was given a rousing reception.

After lunch, Mr. Jai Prakash Narain drove to village Mahrpur in Cawnpore District, where he was taken in a procession on a decorated chariot drawn by a hundred and one bullocks.

Addressing a meeting of villagers Mr. Jai Prakash Narain spoke about the role of the peasantry in the coming revolution which, he emphasised was inevitable. Mr. Jai Prakash Narain was also presented a purse of Rs 652 and a sword

Addressing a public meeting tonight Mr Jai Prakash Narain said that the supporting pillars of the British Empire in India was the army which too had today imbibed an intense feeling of patriotism and a sense of revolution. Only a revolution against British imperialism at this juncture could deliver India freedom.

Referring to the entry of the Muslim League nominees in the Interim Government. Mr. Jai Prakash Narain said that "they are being used as tools of Britishers to put obstacles in the way of India's progress towards freedom."

The entry of the Muslim League into the Constituent Assembly would not make much difference because Mr Jinnah would play the same role there as in the Interim Government.

Mr Jinnah had refused to accept the Constituent Assembly as a sovereign body and when a slave body framed the constitution how could it be expected that would bring India's freedom.

The Congress he added was bound to come out of the Constituent Assembly sooner or later and launch a struggle for freedom

In conclusion he appealed for communal harmony and urged the people especially the students labourers and kisans to play an important part in the coming struggle.

Irregular Prices On N.Y. Cotton Exchange

RESTRICTED TRADING AND TAX-SELLING

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (U.P.A.): Quiet trading and irregular prices featured to-day's session of the New York Cotton Exchange. The volume of business transacted was the slowest this week and was estimated at around 100,000 bales. The year-end evening-up including tax selling and switching operations was the principal trading feature. New business was restricted because of the recent erratic price swings and unwillingness shown by traders to assume new ventures before the holidays next week.

COVERING BY TRADERS.

To-day's session opened two to 35 higher when the best levels were established. After the opening, prices seesawed nervously over a range of dol. 2.00 per bale, steadying in the final minutes of the trading on covering by room traders. Finally, the prices were nine higher to three lower. The lull in mill buying of spot cotton and some increase in small interior producer offerings to obtain Christmas funds explained the slight increase of hedging on firm spots, particularly on rallies to near 33 cents for March.

Mr. William M. Garrard of the Staple Cotton Co-operative Association of Greenwood, Mississippi, who recently urged farmers to have patience and hold for higher prices, is now understood to recommend that farmers sell half of their cotton now and hold the other half until later in the year. Recurring talk of possible business recession next year plus the uncertainties on the labour front as well as the problematical size of the next crop helped to exercise a restraining influence over trading pending a clearer view of the picture for early next year.

GINNING REPORT.

The Government report placed ginnings prior to December 13th at 7,782,862 bales, indicating that ginnings for the first half of December amounted to around 417,000 bales. Ginnings to the same period last year totalled 7,727,000 bales.

FOREIGN DEMAND.

With attempts to appraise the extent of foreign demand, traders are simultaneously turning their attention to crop prospects and supplies in competing countries. Trade reports from Peru indicated that shipments to India had increased sharply. Out of 452,000 bales exported during the 1945-1946 period, India took 56,000 bales compared to only 11,000 bales in the previous season. Britain remained Peru's best customer, increasing her imports from 31,000 to 117,000 bales. The production in Brazil was reported to be at the lowest level for more than ten years, according to the latest official and trade estimates. The current crop, it is said, will not exceed 200,000 metric tons compared to earlier predictions for 300,000 to 353,000 tons. The Ministry of Agriculture estimate was as low as 188,000 tons. The prospect for the next season, however, indicated a larger Brazilian cotton output since the acreage to cotton is expected to increase because of the ceilings on cereals and other foodstuffs.

As indicated in previous dispatches, the market is in the trading range on either side of 32 1/2 cents for March.

Majority Community Of Noakhali Regrets Past Deeds

Inter Communal Dinners Promote Cordial Relations

SRIRAMPUR, (Noakhali), Dec. 22 (API).—"We have great regard for Mahatma Gandhi and we want Mahatma Gandhi to stay on here", said one member of the majority community when asked what he thought about Mahatma Gandhi's presence here.

This man who is an agriculturist, felt that the majority community living in this area sincerely regret the happenings of October last and all of them want that the minority community must come back and live in their homes as they had done for generations. Some other members of the majority community in different villages also hold the same opinion and they are happy that Mahatma Gandhi was doing so much for peace.

Srirampur village seem peaceful since Mahatma Gandhi's arrival.

INTER-COMMUNITY DINNERS

Community lunch was served in Chandipur village today where villagers of all caste had their meals together. This was organised by Mr. Souren Bose, a follower of Mahatma Gandhi, as a measure of removal of untouchability.

Mr. Souren Bose, who is in charge of the Chandipur centre, is one of those who are working for peace mission according to Mahatma Gandhi's principle.

Mahatma Gandhi in a message blessed today's function held at Paniala village, about 8 miles from here. There will be a feeding at the function where villagers of all castes will have their meals together.

Mahatma Gandhi was to go to Paniala today to attend an important meeting. As the roads to Paniala are bad and unmotorable, Mahatma Gandhi was unable to go. Mr. Amrita Chatterjee, father of Mr. Ava Gandhi who is in charge of peace mission in Paniala came this morning to take Gandhiji carried Mahatma's message of blessing for the villagers of Paniala.

It is understood that Mahatma Gandhi had a talk with the Additional District Magistrate Noakhali, regarding relief to refugees.

GANDHIJI SPENDS A QUIET DAY

Mahatma Gandhi had a comparatively quiet day today. Mahatma Gandhi had his usual rounds in the morning and evening walk After prayers in the evening the Mahatma had his brisk walk Mahatma Gandhi was accompanied during his evening walk by Miss Manu Gandhi who came here two days ago and Dr. Sushila Nayyar.

KAZIRKHIL CAMP

The Kazirkhil Camp, the nerve centre of all Khadi Pratisthans' activities in this area has now developed into a well-organised unit. Situated five miles from here, the camp is in constant touch with Mahatma Gandhi as the Pratisthan's day to day work on Gandhian lines is being carried out all through out the district.

The Pratisthan has opened another section styled 'Noakhali Peace Mission and Relief' Section. It is running a charitable dispensary with arrangements for indoor patients. The basic education section conducted by the centre has also been progressing with its constructive scheme.

It was at Kazirkhil that Mahatma Gandhi stayed for a few days after his observation tour of the affected areas last month. The Mahatma's decision to start a lonely journey was also taken here. According to that decision his followers were allotted dispositions in various villages to carry on peace work.

The historic lonely march ahead was given the start just a month ago on November 20, the day which marked the close of the period of "observation." The next phase of his active peace mission now lies ahead with India and the world watching it.

Refugees Getting Eager To Go Back Home

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23 (APA): Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani said in Srirampur that people of both communities (Hindus and Muslims) in the communally-affected areas of East Bengal are "morally better now."

In an interview with the 'Associated Press of America' Sucheta observed that "people are found moving about more freely and are less panicky nowadays. There is found a welcome eagerness on the part of refugees to return back to their shattered homes

Mrs. Kripalani who has been from the start closely and directly associated with relief and rehabilitation work in East Bengal said that "the Mahatma's method of solving the communal problem has been found to be a super method. It may take time, it does always when it is an appeal to the soul, but it is always a super and more lasting method."

"When a real change of heart is effected by Gandhiji's efforts". Mrs. Kripalani asserted, "even mischievous leadership cannot lead people astray."

She explained that "Gandhiji's method consists in the peace worker identifying himself with the day-to-day routine of the villager and the mission consists in bringing together both the aggressor and the afflicted. It is not a peace dictated from above, but worked up from within."

"It has immense political value too", Mrs. Kripalani said.

Four Monks From Switzerland To Do Relief Work In Tibet

LONDON, Dec 22, (Reuter): Four monks of Saint Bernard Hospice in Switzerland left London by air today on a journey which will eventually bring them to Lhasa, Tibet, where they are to do relief work.

Austin Motor Coy. Not To Close Down

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 22 (Reuter): Three hundred and forty two tons of coal were today delivered to the Austin Motor Company at Birmingham which announced recently that it would close for an indefinite period because of fuel shortage.

The Minister For Fuel and Power Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, yesterday offered to provide the coal needed to enable the factory to continue working

Registration Fee On Silver In Indore

(From A Correspondent).

INDORE, Dec. 23.—In modification to a previous notification, Holkar Government have been pleased to accord sanction to the levy of registration fee on silver bar transaction in mofussil at the rate of one pice per 700 tolas or a fraction thereof from the seller and purchaser each.

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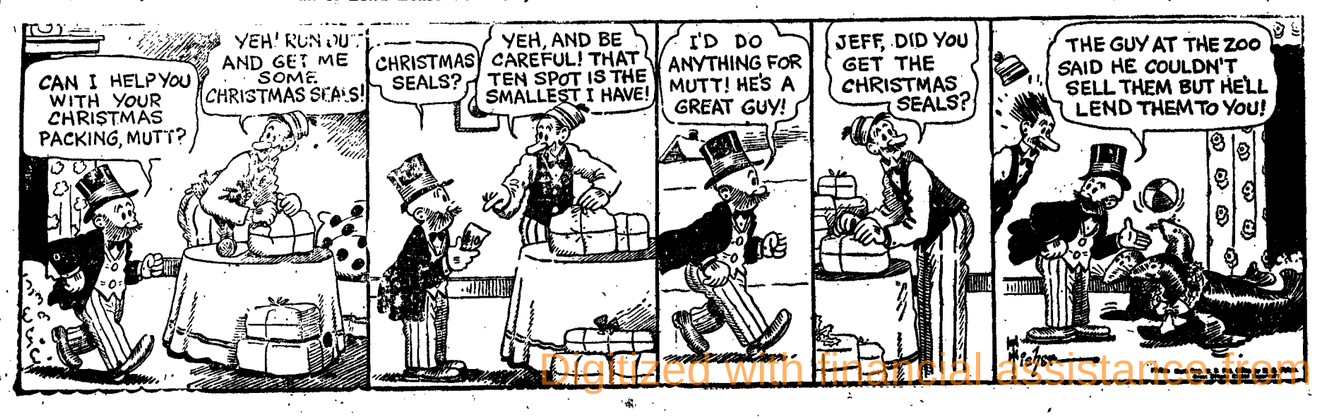
By BUD FISHER


CAN I HELP YOU WITH YOUR CHRISTMAS PACKING, MUTT?
YEH! RUN OUT AND GET ME SOME CHRISTMAS SEALS!
CHRISTMAS SEALS?
YEH, AND BE CAREFUL! THAT TEN SPOT IS THE SMALLEST I HAVE!
I'D DO ANYTHING FOR MUTT! HE'S A GREAT GUY!
JEFF, DID YOU GET THE CHRISTMAS SEALS?
THE GUY AT THE ZOO SAID HE COULDN'T SELL THEM BUT HE'LL LEND THEM TO YOU!

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DISPOSALS

The Director General of Disposals New Delhi invites sealed tenders for the purchase of the following stores:

STORES I: QUANTITY

Scaffolding tubes etc. 558 Tons (approx

LOCATION: Kurla Dehu, Kandivli Raipur, Harbanspura and Calcutta

SUPERSCRIBED REFERENCE: Tender No. DGD/SR-41806/CPM-2

LAST DATE DUE: By 4 p. m. on 15th January, 1947.

Offers should be sent to the Director General of Disposals, C. P. & M. Directorate, New Delhi and should remain open for acceptance up to 14th February, 1947.

STORES II: QUANTITY

(1) Coach screws, M. S., Black & galvanised different heads 83.708 Gross

TENDER NO. DGD/50627/1/EGII

LOCATION: Calcutta

(2) Wood Screws, M. S. Brass & galvanised different heads 10.06.043 Gross

TENDER No. DGD/50627/2/EGII

LOCATION: Calcutta & Karachi

(3) Machine Screws, M. S. & Brass different heads 99.271 Gross

TENDER No. DGD/50627/3/EGII

LOCATION: Calcutta

(4) M. S. Set screws, Mudguard Screws & Roofing screws 20.328 Gross

TENDER No. DGD/50627/4/EGII

LOCATION: Calcutta

(5) a. Spring washers (single and double coiled) 1.05.768 Gross

TENDER No. DGD/50616/EGII

b. M. S. Washers 83 Tons approx.

TENDER No. DGD/50616/EGII

LOCATION: Madras, Karachi, and Calcutta.

LAST DATE DUE: By 12 noon on 15th January, 1947.

OFFERS should be sent to the Directorate General of Disposals, M. M. & H. Directorate, New Delhi and should remain open for acceptance upto 15th February 1947.

Tender forms for Stores I & II are all obtainable from the Director General of Disposals, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi at Rs. 5/- in Cash or Money Order (not refundable) for each of the above tenders. Permits to view, list of stores, conditions of sale etc. are also obtainable from the Regional Commissioner (Disposals) Calcutta, Bombay, Lahore and Cawnpore and from the Deputy Regional Commissioner (Disposals), Madras and Karachi.

EARNEST MONEY Amounting to 10% of the value offered must be deposited in the Imperial/Reserve Bank/Government Treasury in favour of the Director General of Disposals, New Delhi. Deposit Receipts must accompany the tenders.

Delivery will be ex-site and removal should be completed within 30 days after receipt of acceptance of offer.

Sales will be subject to conditions laid down in form CON/117.

REGIONAL COMMISSIONER DISPOSALS

(SOUTHERN CIRCLE)

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Wanted—one Stenotypist, part or full time job, immediately. Apply in original handwriting to, Dr. W. D. Korde, Empress Mahal Dadar. (4331)

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Wanted a Manager for Managing Agency Office dealing in Cotton Textiles. Knowledge of Company Law and accounts and working of Textile Mills essential; should also have sufficient administrative experience. Salary according to qualifications. Apply to Box No. 1141 "Bombay Chronicle"

If you want any kind of Employment in India or Abroad. Apply for terms (stating your qualifications and desires) to Service Securing Agency (Registered) Cloth Market, Delhi. 4209

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NOTICE

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NOTICE

SEALED ITEM RATE tenders are invited for the work of "Constructing buildings for students and staff at the Tanning and Leather Working School at Khar," estimated to cost Rs 2,30,829 and will be accepted in the office of the undersigned upto 4 p.m. on 6th January, 1947. For further particulars please apply to the Executive Engineer, North Thana Division, Bandra.

The work is to be completed before 15th May, 1947.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
North Thana Division.
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Department of Food (Div. III).
Office of the Chief Director of Purchase, Jamnagar House, Mansingh Road, New Delhi.

TENDER NOTICE

THE CHIEF DIRECTOR of Purchase, Food, invites tenders for the sale of following varieties of Coffee:—

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1.	Coffee Roasted and Ground.	182 lbs.	Delhi	23	
		20 lbs.	Delhi	495	
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		„	Calcutta	44,360	Tons Lbs 207 - 1932
		„	Kalaikunda	78,756	
		„	Northbrook (Calcutta)	252,202	
		„	Tezgaon	7,065	
		„	Calcutta	36,903	
		„	Brooklyn (Calcutta)	30,980	
2.	Coffee Soluble	4 ozs.	Calcutta	3532	
		„	Northbrook (Calcutta)	27200	
		„	Calcutta	13912	13 - 1616
		9 ozs.	Calcutta	816	
		Lb.	Northbrook (Calcutta)	784	
		„	Calcutta	18332	
3.	Coffee	Lb.	Northbrook (Calcutta)	10000	4 - 1040
4.	Coffee Blended	Lb.	Northbrook (Calcutta)	2625	
		„	Brooklyn (Calcutta)	2100	2 - 245
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(d)		-do-	No. 9, I.R.S.D. Vizagapatam	28098 lbs.	12 - 1218

Samples of items 1-4 can be seen by arrangement with the Officer on Special Duty (Food Disposals), 8, Esplanade East Calcutta, while samples of items 5-6 can be seen in the office of the Chief Director of Purchase, New Delhi.

The terms and conditions of sale and all other relevant particulars are contained in the tender form which will be supplied free of cost on written applications to the Chief Director of Purchase.

Tenders accompanied by Earnest Money calculated at 5% of the total estimated value of the tender in the form of a demand draft or deposit at call receipt from the Reserve Bank Imperial Bank of India or any Scheduled Bank or Treasury Challan classified under the head of "Revenue Deposit" in favour of the Chief Director of Purchase will be received upto 4 p.m. on 17th, January, 1947. Tenders will be opened in public at 11 a.m. on 18-1-47. Offers not accompanied by Earnest Money in the prescribed form will not be considered.

The Earnest Money is liable to be forfeited if the tenderer refuses to honour the offer.

Tenderers must agree to their offers of purchase remaining open for a period of 30 days from 18-1-47. (1164)

Telegraphic address
"DEVSUP", NEW DELHI.

TENDER NOTICE

Directorate General of Industries & Supplies,
Shahjahan Road,
NEW DELHI.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL of Supplies invites tender No. ST-4|277 to reach him on or before 27-1-1947 on forms (not transferrable) obtainable from his office at NEW DELHI at Rs. 10|- (not refundable) per set to be paid in cash or by Money Order or Indian Postal Order quoting tender number, full name and address of remitter for supply of the following sawn timber:—

No.	Description	Specification	Size	Unit	Qty.
(a)	Timber Teak Planks	IM-2692	5' & up x 6" x 3|4"	Cft.	17,000
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(c)	-do-	-do-	5' & up x 6" x 7|8"	Cft.	4,000

Firms not already on approved list of Supply Department Contractors should give their Bankers reference in application for tender form.

Tender forms are also obtainable from the office of the Deputy Director of Supplies, Madras and Director of Supplies, Bombay and Calcutta on payment of tender fee direct to them. Specification governing supply of the stores may also be seen with the above officers.

Tender forms will not be supplied to firms already blacklisted. (1189)

NOTICE

HOLDERS OF LICENCES under the Bombay Cotton Cloth Trade Regulation Order, 1945, residents in Bombay City and Bombay Suburban District are informed that the period of validity of the licences held by them expires on December 31, 1946. They should, therefore, apply to the undersigned on or before December 31, 1946 for renewal of their licences in the Form VIII appended to the Bombay Cotton Cloth Trade Regulation Order, 1945. A copy of the application form can be obtained from the Office of the undersigned.

(Sd.) J. K. THAKORE,
Provincial Textile Controller,
Bombay.
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NOTICE

IT IS NOTIFIED for the information of all concerned that I have applied for naturalisation as a British subject under the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1914, and that my application is at present under the consideration of the Government of India. Any person who has an objection to such naturalisation may send his representation to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, New Delhi.

Name: FRANCIS (Frantisek) STORZA.
Present Nationality: CZECHOSLOVAKIAN.
Full Address: C/o. The Lakshmi Cotton Mfg. Co., Ltd., The Camp, Sholapur.
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE BOMBAY SWADESHI CO-OP. STORES CO., LTD.

Sir Pherozshah Mehta Rd.,
Fort, BOMBAY.

NOTICE

THIS IS TO INFORM our PATRONS that in spite of some members of the staff going on Strike, THE BUSINESS OF THE STORES IS CARRIED ON AS USUAL.

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of a Part-time Professor of the Organization of the Indian Cotton Industry, in the R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics, Matunga, Bombay 19, on a salary of Rs. 150 per month plus dearness allowance. Applications stating qualifications, age and previous experience should reach the Principal, R. A. Podar College of Commerce and Economics, Matunga, Bombay, 19, on or before 4th January, 1947.

L. N. WELINGKAR,
Principal.
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SCHEDULE. "A".

NOTICE TO PUBLIC
(Rule 8)

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for public information in accordance with Rule 8, Part II, of the Rules for Places of Public Amusement in the City of Bombay, 1914, made under section 22, sub-section (1), clauses (f), (g), (h) and (i) of the City of Bombay Police Act, 1902, by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, with the previous sanction of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay in Council, that we the undersigned propose erecting a Cinema Theatre at New Charni Road, on the ground belonging to ourselves, admeasuring about 2,500 sq. yds. and assessed under Municipal D Ward Nos. 2059 (3 and 4), 2059 (5), 2157 (4 and 4A), 2059 (5A) Street Nos. 19-25, 25A, 25B New Charni Road and registered under Collector's New Survey No. 7383.

Notice is hereby given that any objections to the erection of the said Cinema Theatre should be received by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, not later than the Seventh day of January, 1947, that is to say within 14 days from the date of this notice.

For Pallonjee Eduljee & Son,
JAL H. BILLIMORIA,
Partner.
Bombay, 24th December, 1946.
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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from M.B.B.S. Lady candidates for the post of Lady Resident Medical Officer, for the Shree Maharani Shantadevi Hospital for Women and Children, Baroda.

The particulars of grade and allowance are as follows:

Grade Rs. 150-40/3-450.

Allowance for loss of practice Rs. 100 p.m.

Those desirous to join should apply to the undersigned stating qualifications, caste, age and residence with necessary certificates of qualifications and birth date before 15th January, 1947.

(Sd.) K. N. KULSHRESHTHA,
Secretary,
Shree Maharani Shantadevi Trust Office, Baroda.
P. B. No. 23.
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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE

THE SPECIAL ENGINEER invites tenders for work in the construction of 4'-8" x 7'-0" all concrete ovoid sewer from manhole No. 19 to manhole No. 36 on the line AB of the Dharavi outfall scheme. The tenders will be received upto 1 p.m. (B.T.) on Wednesday, the 8th January, 1947.

Forms of tender, specification, etc., will be issued on payment of Rs. 5 for each copy, to any one deputed to receive the same by the Special Engineer, (Works Branch) who will on application give any further information that may be required.

Tender copies will not be supplied by post.

Municipal Offices,
Fort, Bombay,
23rd December, 1946. 1198

NOTICE

THE OFFICE of the Indian Tariff Board, Government of India will be located on the third floor of Contractor Building, Nicoll Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, from the 23rd December, 1946 1180

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE

THE SPECIAL ENGINEER invites separate tenders for the supply of different grades of bitumen for the periods (1) from 1st February, 1947 to 28th February, 1947 and (2) from 1st March, 1947 to 31st August, 1947.

Tenders will be received upto 1 p.m. (B.T.) on Wednesday, the 8th January, 1947.

Forms of tenders, specifications, etc., will be issued on payment of Rupee One for each copy to any one deputed to receive them by the Dy. City Engineer, (Works Branch) who will on application give further information that may be required.

Municipal Offices,
Fort, Bombay,
21st December, 1946. 1196

PUBLIC NOTICES

TENDER—NOTICE

TENDERS ARE INVITED from experienced transport and shipping agents for despatch of upto 13,000 tons of groundnut cake from Bombay to Ports in Kolaba and Ratnagiri Districts.

2. The tenderer will have to arrange for transport of the cake from Oil Mills in Bombay City to destination Ports. He will have to bear all charges right from the godown of the Mills to the Ports of destination. He will be responsible to give delivery of the quantity of cake which he takes from the Mills and to attend to its weighment, the quality (expeller No. I) of cake and the quality of bagging and to give delivery of the cake on the shores of the Port of destination.

3. The details of destination Ports and any other particulars that may be required, can be had from the Dy. Director of Agriculture, Headquarters, B. P., Poona.

4. The Undersigned is not bound to accept any or the lowest tender.

5. Quotation in tenderer's own form should reach the Dy. Director of Agriculture, Headquarters, B.P., Poona, on or before 31st December, 1946 in sealed covers superscribed.

"Quotations for transport and shipping".

6 Tenders should be supported by an earnest money deposit of Rs. 1,000 in cash which shall be returned if the tender is not accepted.

(Sd.) M. B GHATGE,
Dy. Director of Agriculture,
Headquarters, Poona.
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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

TENDER NOTICE

THE SPECIAL ENGINEER invites tenders for the work of "Construction of Comfort Stations in the Charni Road Gardens" returnable on the 3rd January, 1947, not later than 1 p.m. (B.T.).

Tender forms containing directions to tenderers can be had at Rs. 5 per copy from the office of the Special Engineer, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.

(Sd.) N. V. MODAK,
Special Engineer.
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NOTICE TO MOTOR OWNERS

OWNERS of Motor Vehicles, residing in the Bombay Region are informed that the third quarter of the financial year 1946-1947 of the Motor Vehicles tax ends on 31-12-46. All owners who have paid the tax upto 31-12-1946 should therefore pay or remit now to the Motor Vehicles and Taxation Department, Gymnasium Road, off Cruickshank Road, Bombay, further tax for the last quarter of the financial year 1946-1947, so that it may be credited on or before 15-1-1947. Payments will be accepted on any working day between 10-30 A.M. to 2-30 P.M. and on Saturdays between 10-30 A.M. to 12-30 P.M.

Cheques should be drawn in favour of the Regional Transport Officer, Bombay. When the tax is paid by cheque, the tax tokens and the registration certificates will be issued only after the cheques are encashed by the Bank. Any delay in payment of the tax due to any irregularity or otherwise will render the owner or the person in possession of the motor vehicles liable to a penalty. Third-party cheques and those drawn on the Banks which have no clearing account with the Reserve Bank of India will not be accepted.

ALL REMITTANCES OF TAX SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED WITH THE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES AND TAX DECLARATION FORMS DULY COMPLETED.

Tax will not be accepted unless a certificate of Insurance as required under Rule 5 of the Bombay Motor Vehicles (Third-party Insurance) Rules 1946 is produced at the time of payment of tax. Under this Rule, the owner of a motor vehicle should at the time of making payment of tax produce a valid certificate of insurance relating to the vehicle and complying with the requirements of Chapter VIII of the Motor Vehicles Act 1939. In the case of vehicles exempted under Section 94 of the Motor Vehicles Act 1939, the owner should produce a certificate in the prescribed form 'C' in place of the certificate of Insurance.

Owners of motor vehicles bearing extra provincial or Native State Registration marks should note that the fifteen days grace period does not apply to them and that the tax due should be paid on or before the expiry of the tax tokens if any issued to them. In case of new arrivals a report of arrival should be submitted to the Regional Transport Officer, Bombay, in the prescribed form within seven days from the date of entering the Province.

Such of the Motor Owners who desire to keep their vehicles off the roads after the expiry of the current quarter should send the intimation of nonuse to the Registering Authority so as to reach him before the last day of the quarter. Failure to send the intimation in time renders an owner liable to pay tax with penalty due.

In the case of motor vehicles in respect of which nonuse intimations have been given, tax should be paid before they are brought into use again.

(Sd.) J. B. RABBITT,
Executive Officer,
Regional Transport Authority,
Bombay.

Motor Vehicles and
Taxation Department,
Gymnasium Road,
Off Cruickshank Road, Bombay. (1184)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF VEHICLES AND ANIMALS.

MUNICIPAL WHEEL-TAX for the fourth quarter of the year 1946-47 (January to March 1947) falls DUE ON THE 1ST OF JANUARY, 1947. Owners of motor vehicles are requested to pay the tax to Ward Inspectors of the Assessment and Collection Department, or to send the amount direct to the Assessor and Collector at the Municipal Head Office, Fort, Bombay. Their attention is invited to the provisions of Sections 188, 190 and 191 of the Municipal Act.

As the liability to pay the tax goes with the possession of the vehicle, intending purchasers of motor vehicles would do well to verify, BEFORE PURCHASE, whether Municipal wheel-tax on the vehicles has been paid up-to-date.

The owners of hand-carts and bullock carts are likewise liable to pay the tax. They are requested to pay the tax to the authorities named above and to obtain number plates in token of the payment.

B. K. PATEL,
Municipal Commissioner.
Dated 24th December, 1946.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND SUPPLIES

Office of the Director of Supplies, Strand House: Graham Road: Ballard Estate, Bombay.

TENDER NOTICE

DIRECTOR OF SUPPLIES, Bombay, invites Tender No. BOM/H/407 to reach him on or before 11 A.M. on 4-1-47 on forms (not transferable) obtainable from his office at Rs. 3/- (not refundable) per set to be paid in cash or by Money Order or Indian Postal Order (quoting Tender No., full name and address of the remitter) for:—

Description	Quantity
Light Alloy Casting Hand Hold for Strap Hanging to sketch No. 2881 (Alt. 1) to be seen in this office	5,000 Nos.

Applicants not already on approved list of this Department or the late Department of Supply, must give their Bankers' reference on application for Tender forms. Tenders forms will not be issued to firms already black-listed. 2178

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai JAMNABAI wife of Parsram Veramal, Bai ISHVARIBAI, wife of Javermal Veramal, Bai GOPIBAI, wife of Odhavdas Kevalaram and Bai BHOJIBAI, widow of Veramal Nevendram have contracted to sell the undermentioned properties to our client free from encumbrances. All persons having any claim whatsoever against or to the said properties are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at All Chambers, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the said sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All those pieces or parcels of Government land, situate at Heeve and Rass in Taluka and Registration Sub-District, Shahpur, District Thana with buildings, stables, wells and trees standing thereon and bearing the following Survey and Hissa Numbers and area.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES SITUATE AT HEEVE:-

Survey No.	Hissa No.	Area Ac.Gun.	Kharaba Ac.Gun.	Survey No.	Hissa No.	Area Ac.Gun.	Kharaba Ac.Gun.
4	1	2 12¾	5½	41		16 17	3 31
5	1	8 4½	31½	42		1 3½	½
6	2	2 17½	6	43	2	3 6	8
7		9 12¾	24½	43	4	3	8
8		15¾	1½	43	5	10 27	1 26
9	2	2 24		44		7 24	2¾
9	3	13 31	37	45		7 35	5
10		6 18	9	46		6 27	1 21
12		3 27¾	6½	47		1 32½	11¾
13		6 1	11	48		14 18	2 2
14		8 4	26	49		32	2
15		3 24½	5¾	50	1	3 34½	13¾
16	1	2 37	13½	50	2	1 34	3
16	2	33¾	2½	51		7 33¾	1 12½
17		2 19½	5¾	52	2	13 15	1 37
18	2	2 36½	4¾	53		14 6	38
20		1	1	54		1 26¾	5
21		9 ½	22¾	55		2 2¾	8½
22	1	3 37	10¾	56		5 19½	1 6¾
22	2	6		57		18¾	3½
22	3	9¾		58		18	1 28
22	4	4		59		9¾	1½
22	5	2 11	5	60		2 5½	11½
23	1	6 25½	13	61		13 38	4 26
24		2 18½	3¾	62		4 36¾	5½
25		1 11¾	3½	63		3 14½	13½
26	2	4	½	64		2 9½	10¾
26	3	22		65		5 23	8½
26	4	1 26¾	1½	66	2	2 3	27
28	9		24	68	3	2 11¾	¾
29		9 21½	19½	72		1 1	1
31		2 38¾	10½	80		8 19	1 9
32		1 7	2	81	3	16	
34	1	3 14	19	88	1	39	
35	1	6	34	91		10½	
35	2	1 25	4	92		19¾	
35	3	13 29	1 39	94	1	19½	
36	1	23¾	2¾	97		6 20¾	28¾
36	2	5 35½	25	98		1 19	26
36	3	9		102		5	
37		29¾	3½	103	1	2 30	10
38		15 14	3 34				
39		4½	2½			379 2½	43 22½
40		1 13½	1½				

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY SITUATE AT RASS

Survey No.	Hissa No.	Area Ac.Gun.	Kharaba Ac.Gun.	Survey No.	Hissa No.	Area Ac.Gun.	Kharaba Ac.Gun.
1	2	37¾	2	32	1	9	1½
2		17 24	25	32	3	7 22½	16½
3		3 5¾	6½	33		3 7½	8¾
4		26 15	17	34		12 30	
5		2 17½	5½	37	1	7 39½	6½
6	2	20¾		39		29½	2½
7		33 25		40	4	21¾	2
8	1	23½	3	41		1 1¾	2¾
8	2	7 26	11	42		23 18	23
8	3	5½	¼	43		4 34½	8¾
9	1	4 26½	3½	44		23 38	
9	3		¼	45		20 28	
10		27 11		46		15¾	2¾
11	1	3 4½	6¾	47		1 27½	1¾
12		20 39	3	49	1	2 39½	9¾
13		13 22	36	50		4 8	7
14		1 26¾	3½	51		29¾	1½
15		30	13	53		14½	½
16	1	3 23	5	55		2 2½	4½
17		16 16	1 4	56		27¾	1½
18		2 38	10	58		18½	1¾
19	1	2 5	4¾	59		31 20	
19	2	1 24	4½	60		12	
20		2 16½	4½	61		14	
21		2 12½	6¾	62		13	¾
22		6 14	13	63		20	
23		17 30	31	64		10½	
24		3 3¾	8½	65		17¾	
25		22 36		66		4 10	
26		14 33		67		1	
27		3 33¾	7½	71		1 32	
28		39 17	2 25	72		15	
29		22 12	12				
30		5 4½	8¾				
31	1	5 13¾	8			531-28½	12-39½
31	2	3 16	8				

Messrs. DABHOLKAR & JESHTARAM,
Purchaser's attorneys.

Dated this 21st day of Dec. 1946. (1156)

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